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A SURPRISE.

Rumors Regarding Northern Securities Company News to President Palma.

(Associated Press.)

Havana, March 29.—The rumors circulated in the United States that the Northern Securities Company would attempt to domicile itself in Cuba came as a surprise to President Palma. The president informed the Associated Press that he had no knowledge that an effort would be made.

Levi P. Morton, A. Smith and Sir William Van Horne dined with the president last week, after which they proceeded to Santiago de Cuba. The question was not mentioned at the dinner.

A 'FRISCO MYSTERY.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, March 29.—Muriatic acid was found in the stomach of John H. Coe by the city chemist, who has reported the fact to the coroner. Coe was found dead at the foot of a flight of stairs, down which he was supposed to have fallen. It is believed that he belonged to a prominent family in Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE FIGHT BETWEEN JAPS AND COSSACKS

One Hundred Russians Reported Killed and Wounded in Skirmish in Which Japanese Losses Numbered Fifty.

(Associated Press.)

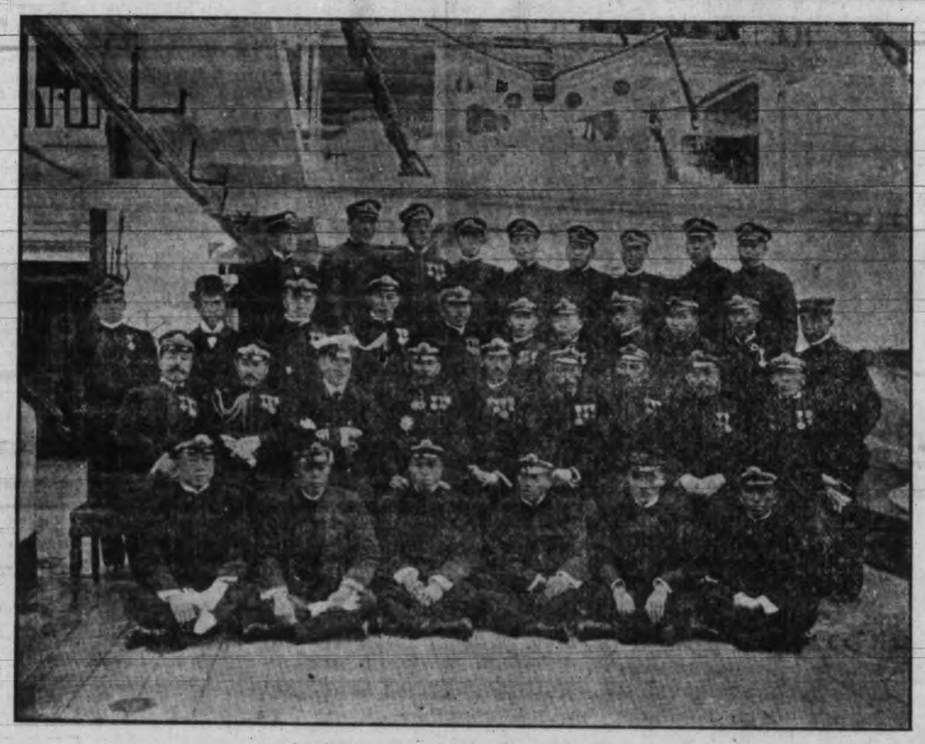
Seoul, March 29.—A report has reached here that 50 Japanese and 100 Cossacks were killed and wounded in a skirmish that occurred between Anju and Tinju.

The above dispatch probably refers to the engagement reported last night as having occurred on March 23rd, but in which no Cossack losses were mentioned.

Seoul, March 28.—5.15 p.m.—Marquis Ito, upon taking his departure, submitted to the government some suggestions for Korean reforms. The Emperor has appointed Yi Chi Ying, a former minister of foreign affairs, as a special ambassador to bear presents to the Japanese Emperor and return the compliment of Marquis Ito's visit to Korea.

Boer war, the war department is considering the equipment of the Russian troops with cork helments for the summer campaign in the Far East.

The Novosti publishes a long article on the Jewish question, combating the allegations of some anti-Semitic newspapers that the Odessa Jews are doing everything to precipitate a repetition of the Kishineff affair by expressing sympathy with the Japanese. The Novosti denounces the allegations as monstrous falsehoods, declaring that the Jews throughout the Empire have patriotically volunteered their services.



OFFICERS OF A JAPANESE WARSHIP.

RUSSIA'S BLACK SEA FLEET.

Japanese General Has Seventy Thousand Men Under His Command.

Paris, March 29.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent says that the Russian admiralty has ordered eight 350-ton torpedo boats from Rigia and the Levisky yards. He adds that the type of the latest Japanese torpedo boats will be copied exactly.

The Petit Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent says: "I learn that the fleet to sail to the Far East about June 15th will consist of eight battleships, eleven cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers, the number of which has not yet been fixed."

The Echo De Paris's St. Petersburg correspondent says the war office general staff expects that the first land engagements in the Far East will take place in about a week. It is estimated, he adds, that General Kuroki, commanding the first Japanese army in the Ping Yang region, has a total strength of 70,000 men, including a brigade of cavalry and 10 cannon.

"It is certain," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin, "that the Russian cruiser Boyarin was blown up by touching a Russian torpedo several days after the torpedo transport Yenesii was blown up, as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur.

NOT WANTED.

Correspondents Expelled From Port Arthur Because One Sent Out Important Information.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—A war correspondent of the Russ Vedomosti, writing from Harbin, Manchuria, says he has not been permitted to proceed to Port Arthur, and adds he will not be allowed to go to the front until April 2nd. All the correspondents have been expelled from Port Arthur because one of them mentioned in his dispatches important information regarding the movements of Russian troops.

In view of the experience of the British forces in South Africa during the

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Attempt Made to Wreck a Russian Military Train.

Irkutsk, March 29.—It has leaked out that on the night of March 15th an attempt was made near Lakarskya to wreck a train bearing troops. The attempt failed. It is not known whether Japanese agents were responsible.

Traffic across Lake Baikal is being carried on as regular as clock work. The troops cross on the ice, singing as they march. The ice-breaker is likely to begin the work of cutting a channel soon.

TORPEDO BOAT REFLOATED.

The Stilnia Has Returned to the Harbor at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—Vice-Admiral Alexieff, in a dispatch to the Czar from Mukden, says:

"During an attack by the enemy's ships on March 27th on the torpedo boat Stilnia, one of the latter's steam pipes and her steering gear were damaged, in consequence of which she was beached near Golden Hill, but since then she has been refloated. The number of men killed and wounded on the torpedo boat has not yet been ascertained. Shortly before 5.25 this morning the enemy's torpedo boats were sighted to the south of Port Arthur and the batteries opened fire on them. Toward 6 o'clock the enemy's squadron appeared on the horizon. Thirty batteries on Tiger peninsula opened fire, and our fleet steamed out of the harbor, the Bayan and the Askold leading, and also fired at the enemy. Our fire, however, ceased immediately in view of the great distance of the enemy's squadron.

"At 9.15 o'clock, when our entire squadron lined up in the roadstead, the Japanese squadron drew off in a southeasterly direction, evidently in order to avoid giving battle, and toward 10 o'clock it disappeared below the horizon."

A further telegram to the Czar from Vice-Admiral Makaroff says:

"I respectfully report that the enemy having withdrawn, I returned to the harbor with the fleet.

"The torpedo boat destroyer Stilnia, which stranded on a reef in consequence of damage caused to her engines by one of the enemy's shells, was floated during the course of the night and entered the harbor, thanks to the energy of her crew. Her commander, Lieut. Kriniski, who was slightly wounded in the arm, did not quit his post.

"On the fireships were infernal machines, the wires connected with which were cut by Lieut. Kedroff and Ensign Pilsoudsky, of the irregulars, whom I dispatched to this task. They boarded one of the steamers as soon as it stopped, cut the electric wire and extinguished the fire which would have lit up the entrance to the harbor in the roadstead.

"In the morning a floating mine was found bearing an infernal machine, but the latter was successfully removed.

"The inspection made showed that the steamers utilized as fireships were not old. They were each of about 2,000 tons, and were armed with light calibre guns."

HAIR PULLING.

Police on Trail of Japanese Disguised as Koreans or Chinese.

Vladivostock, March 29.—An amusing sequel has resulted from the order of the chief of police directing that a keen lookout be kept for Japanese disguised as Koreans or Chinese. Since the order was issued the police seize every Asiatic they see for a pull at his hair in order to ascertain whether it is real or false.

NO DOUBT AS TO RESULT.

Russia Should Not Pay Too High a Price For Colonial Empire.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—Forecasting the result of the war in the Far East, the Novosti declares there is no more doubt as to who will be the eventual victor than there was at the commencement of the Graeco-Turkish, the Spanish-American or the Boer war.

"For Japan the war is a life and death struggle," continues the Novosti. "She places everything on one card. For Russia it is really only a colonial, and even if defeated the Empire would not be greatly affected, while success would be sure to mean a great stimulus to the Russian colonization of Manchuria, where it is reasonable to suppose many soldiers will settle after the struggle is over.

"But," adds the paper, "Russia should not pay too high a price for the colonial empire, and therefore should conserve so far as possible the army and the fleet."

CALM CONFIDENCE.

There is No Excitement Among the Russians.

Moscow, March 29.—Three British officers, who arrived here yesterday from India by way of Persia, have pronounced themselves as being impressed by the calm confidence among the Russians. The officers saw no signs of military activity and did not see a single military train throughout the Caucasus of the European Russia. It was as if Russia was not engaged in war.

NEWCHWANG SITUATION.

British Government Will Not Protest Against Russian Action in Declaring Martial Law.

London, March 29.—The Associated Press learns that the British government has no intention of protesting against the Russian action in declaring martial law at Newchwang. An endeavor will be made in the ordinary way, and after the cessation of hostilities, to secure compensation for such British merchants as are pecuniarily affected. It has not yet been decided whether the British consul will remain at Newchwang, but this matter is not considered to be of serious importance.

It is pointed out at the foreign office that neither the United States nor Great Britain ever considered Newchwang neutral, and when Secretary Hay's note was received it was tacitly admitted that Newchwang might quite likely be one of the points of a Japanese attack, and the Russians are considered quite within their rights in taking the necessary steps to prevent possible Japanese aggression.

At the legation the Russian proclamation of martial law at Newchwang was thought to be rather favorable to Japan than otherwise, as it eliminates any possible protest on the part of the other powers in the advent of an attack on Newchwang by Vice Admiral Togo.

American, German and other diplomatic circles here agree with the British view that there is no ground for complaint against Russia.

Several of the forenoon newspapers, however, bitterly attack Viceroy Alexieff's proclamation and demand that Great Britain and the United States forcibly protest against it. These editorials do not represent any form of official opinion and there is no reason to believe that China contemplates taking any action.

BOUND SOUTH.

Cousin of the Czar and a Brother of Servia's King Leave Harbin.

Paris, March 29.—A correspondent of the Matin at Harbin says:

"Grand Duke Boris, cousin of the Czar, has passed here, southward bound. Prince Karageorgvitch, brother of the King of Servia, and recently appointed by the Czar of Russia chief of a squadron of Cossacks, and the painter Verestchagin, were in the same train."

The correspondent adds that the railroad communications to Port Arthur are slow but regular.

TRANS-SIBERIAN ROAD.

Line Around Lake Baikal May Not Be Complete by August 1st.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—There is general disappointment in military circles because of the prospective delay in the completion of the railroad around Lake Baikal. It had been expected that the road would be open April 1st, but it is reported that in the contracts just effected it is provided that work shall be done by August 1st. The slowness of the construction makes it doubtful whether the railroad will be completed even by that time.

THE LAND FORCES.

Russian Military Agent Says He Does Not Expect Serious Fight for Months.

Tientsin, March 29.—In conversation to-day the Russian military agent here said he did not expect a serious engagement between Russian and Japanese land forces for two or three months, and that it was very improbable that the Japanese would attempt to land at Newchwang or in that vicinity.

NEW CONSULAR AGENT.

French Flag May Fly Over Russian Buildings at Newchwang.

Tientsin, March 29.—A Frenchman named Kreautlar, an employee of the Russo Chinese bank, has been appointed consular agent at Newchwang. He has the French flag over the bank building. It is considered probable that this is a forerunner of a movement to fly the tricolor over all the Russian government buildings at Newchwang.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC CONTRACT

Correspondence Submitted in Dominion House—Meeting of the Canadian Marine Association.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 29.—There is practically nothing new in the correspondence on the Grand Trunk Pacific contract which was laid before parliament yesterday. Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, in a letter to the Premier, says that the burden of responsibility for the building of the transcontinental road should be shared equally between the government and the company, and in his opinion this was not so, the Grand Trunk having to bear too great a portion of the burden. The shifting of the balance against the company was caused by the extreme opposition which the measure met with in the House last year.

New Bills.

F. Oliver introduced a bill to-day to incorporate the Edmonton, Athabasca & Mackenzie River Company, and R. G. Macpherson a bill to incorporate the White Horse & Alaska Railway Company.

Welland Canal.

The Canadian Marine Association held its annual meeting here to-day. It was decided to adopt the same rules of the road as the United States, and it will memorialize the government to deepen the well and canal to 19 feet, and make the locks 500 feet long.

THAT ALLEGED PLOT.

Story of Conspiracy Against Life of the Pope Is Ridiculed By Authorities.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, March 29.—The report cabled to America that the Vatican has for days past been guarded by a large force of Italian soldiers and police owing to the discovery of a plot against the life of the Pope, is ridiculed by the Vatican authorities, who say that numbers of police on duty at the Papal palace is no larger than usual.

PROF. A. ARNOLD DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, March 29.—Prof. Abe Arnold, the author of several surgical treaties and a distinguished classic scholar and translator of old Hebrew and Arabic, is dead.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO COLONEL OTTER

THROWN FROM HIS HORSE ON WAY HOME

More Settlers for the Northwest—Passenger Swept Overboard From an Atlantic Liner.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, March 29.—Col. Otter, C.B., D.O.C., was thrown from his horse last night just in front of his own residence. He was picked up unconscious, suffering from severe concussion of the brain. Col. Otter, while still partially unconscious, is reported to be slightly better to-day.

Motion Defeated.

The legislature sat all night and only adjourned at 6.20 this morning, when the arrival of trains brought in members, which enabled the government to vote down, by a majority of three, the motion of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Conservative, making two cent passenger fares compulsory for new railways. The fight was prolonged to the limit because government business takes precedence for the rest of the session.

Liberal Candidate.

Aylmer, Ont., March 29.—East Elgin Liberals have nominated H. F. Hepburn to oppose A. Bingham, Conservative, the sitting member.

Two Men Injured.

Bowmanville, March 29.—An explosion in the cement mixing building of the Durham Rubber Works yesterday caused a fire which did serious damage to a considerable quantity of crude rubber and other materials stored in the building. Foreman Al. Cumbrick, who was working at the cement churn when the explosion occurred, was terribly burned about the face and arms, and was thrown some distance from the churn, striking his head against the building. Thos. Spry, another workman, sustained slight injuries.

Swept Overboard.

St. John, N. B., March 29.—W. Summerfield, steerage passenger, was lost overboard from the C. P. R. liner Lake Champlain, which arrived yesterday from Liverpool with 1,200 passengers for the United States and Canadian Northwest points. Summerfield went overboard while the ship was battling with a gale on March 18th. Every effort was made to save him, but was unavailing.

Convicts Escape.

Montreal, March 29.—Jos. Filiatrault and Louis Euneme, convicts at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, who were at work outside the prison wall yesterday afternoon attacked the guard who was watching them, and, after relieving him of gun and revolver, jumped into a farmer's rig that was near and drove off in the direction of St. Francois. Before the guard could recover himself and return to the penitentiary to give the alarm the prisoner had a good start.

To Select Candidate.

Winnipeg, March 29.—The Liberals of Thunder Bay and Rainy River constituency meet at Port Arthur on April 6th to select a candidate.

Favor Union.

The Methodist Ministerial Association passed a resolution favoring organic union with the Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

Going to Rome.

Archbishop Langevin leaves for Rome on April 15th.

New Buildings.

The city has issued permits for the erection of 215 buildings this season to date, valued $719,500.

Dying of Starvation.

The foreman at Keith's mill, 46 miles west of Erwood, and five miles out in the woods, found a coat hanging on a tree with a note in the pocket written with a lead pencil: "Am lost and dying of starvation. You will find me west by north. (Signed) P. A. Flanningan."

NARROW ESCAPE.

White Men and Indians Capsized From Canoe in Alberni Canal.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo March 29.—Clinging to the bottom of an overturned canoe, immersed in the icy waters of Alberni canal, and a furious storm rapidly carrying them out to the Pacific, Rev. F. Thomas and Joseph Jacottinger, both of Portland, last week looked death in the face for hours. With them was an Indian family of four, man, woman and sons, and had it not been for the accidental glimpse of them caught by a telegraph lineman they would all undoubtedly have perished.

The two white men had been up to Clayoquot to arrange for the erection of an addition to the Indian school there, and, after waiting days for the Queen City, started with the four Indians in a large sailing canoe for Alberni. A heavy squall upset the canoe, and the party clung to the bottom until assistance came. Lineman McKay, with great bravery, put out in a small boat and brought them ashore. They lost everything, even their boots, and had to outfit on arrival here last night by the Alberni stage.

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ANOTHER LAND FIGHT REPORTED

JAPS VICTORIOUS BUT LOST FIFTY KILLED

Russian Officer Who Sold Information Has Been Sent to Quicksilver Mines.

London, March 28.—The Seoul correspondent of the Daily Mail says that in an engagement of March 23rd, which took place between Japanese soldiers and Cossacks between Anju and Chung Ju, the Japanese were victorious, but lost 50 killed.

From Chinese Source.

London, March 29.—Up to late last night no official communication has reached the foreign office confirming the declaration of martial law at Newchwang, and officials are inclined to the opinion that this indicated the Russian government had not yet sanctioned Viceroy Alexieff's action. The declaration of martial law is somewhat anxiously discussed by the London morning papers, among which the question has arisen as to whether Russia is desirous of dragging China into the conflict. The Standard, recognizing that the neutral powers may protest, considers that "it will be difficult to refuse to either belligerent the right to regard strategic considerations as paramount over all others in Manchuria." The Morning Post considers that Russia's action is calculated to relieve Japan of some embarrassment by removing some of the difficulties Japan would have experienced in dealing with Newchwang in the event of it becoming necessary to attack the Russian forces at that point.

According to a rumor 65 Japanese transports, escorted by four cruisers, approached Newchwang Saturday and then disappeared southward. It is stated that Viceroy Alexieff will return to Europe in a few days.

The Morning Post's Newchwang correspondent learns that the Japanese will not land an expedition in the Liao river valley before April 20th, as their transports are engaged in conveying troops to Korea.

The correspondent at Shan Hai Kwan of the Daily Mail asserts that the Chinese have received official authorization to turn over to the Japanese the plant of the Shan Hai Kwan railway.

The Standard's correspondent at Tientsin states that, in compliance with Viceroy Alexieff's demand, the Tartar general of Feng Tien has removed his troops to a distance of 60 miles from Mukden. He adds that the Russians are left in complete control of the revenue and other departments.

The Wei Hai Wei correspondent of the Times says: "A Chinese junk which has arrived here seen on the morning of March 28th eleven seaworthy Russian vessels manoeuvring in the vicinity of a Japanese fleet, which was also manoeuvring. No sound of firing was heard here."

Liao River Open.

Tientsin, March 28.—Lloyd's agent at Newchwang telegraphs as follows: "The port is now open. The Russians have not blocked the river up to the present. There are no movements of troops, and the town is in perfect order. Two vessels undock on April 2nd."

Decorations for Sailors.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—The Czar has telegraphed to Vice-Admiral Makaroff an order decorating the officers and men of the torpedo boat destroyer Stilnia with the St. George's Cross for their valor in the repulse of the Japanese attempt to block Port Arthur yesterday.

Sent to Mines.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Captain Irkoff, of the Manchurian commissary service, who on March 25th was found guilty by a court-martial of having sold inforamtion in connection with the quartermaster's department to Lieut.-Col. Akashiex, military attache of the Japanese legation, at St. Petersburg, and was sentenced to twenty-five years' penal servitude, will be sent to the quicksilver mines at Nedchensk, Eastern Siberia, to serve out his sentence. He has two sons in the cadets and a grown-up daughter.

The papers in the cast of Captain Leontiff, of the Russian general staff, recently arrested at Warsaw for selling to a foreign power a list of secret agents maintained by the Russian central staff in the frontier districts of Russian neighborhood, are in the hands of the general staff. A court-martial will be appointed to try the captain.

Britain and Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—The papers are discussing the possibility of better relations between Russia and Great Britain through the intermediary of France. The Novosti Kus insists that the absence of conflicting interests is bound to bring Great Britain and Russia together, as the alliance would be of enormous advantage to both, but the Novoe Vreyma declines to bury the hatchet, still harping on "perfidious Albian," and saying that Great Britain has been trying to fasten her interested friendship upon all the European nations in turn, but they all saw through the game."

The Bourse Gazette says sarcastically that while Russia is strong Great Britain will not move, her attitude towards Russia becoming friendly in proportion as she receives news of the strengthening of the Baltic ports and the reinforcement of the Russian arms near the Indian frontier.

PREMIER COMBES'S TRIUMPH.

Bill Passed for Suppression of Teaching By Religious Orders.

Paris, March 28.—By the decisive majority of 316 to 269 the Chamber of Deputies to-night passed the government bill for the suppression of all forms of teaching by the religious orders. This completes the work begun by the former Premier, M. Waldeck Rousseau, in 1901.

The first law suppressed the unauthorized teaching of the orders, which had for a long time carried on their vocation despite the lack of legal sanction. The new law does not make distinctions between authorized and unauthorized congregations, but sweeps away the whole fabric of teaching by religious orders, thus, in effect, substituting the system of state schools for those heretofore conducted by the orders.

Besides affecting the educational system, the passage of the bill is the achievement of the principal work undertaken by Premier Combes, and it is believed that the Premier will now voluntarily retire. The closing vote was in the nature of a personal triumph for Premier Combes.

The bill, which still has to pass the Senate, though not very serious opposition to it is anticipated there, forbids all teaching by the religious orders in the territory of France proper, and provides for the suppression within ten years of all orders actually holding an authorization to teach.

An amendment, which was carried despite the wishes of Premier Combes, renders the measure inapplicable to the colonies, but this does not affect the power conferred on the government, the law of 1901 closing such schools in the colonies by decree.

The existing congregations are prohibited from recruiting new members, and their novitiates are accordingly suppressed at once, with the exception of a few which are destined solely for the purpose of training teachers for service in the colonies. These latter, however, are forbidden to enroll minors. Severe penalties attach to any attempt to evade these provisions.

FAMOUS NECKLACE STOLEN.

Daring Case at Paris Where Man Secured Diamonds Valued at $150,000.

New York, March 28.—A cable to the Sun from Paris says: "Princess Alice De Bourbon's famous diamond necklace, which was once the property of Marie Antoinette, and which was valued at £30,000, has been stolen.

"Before leaving Paris the Princess deposited the necklace with a well-known jeweller. Subsequently a person calling himself a confidential messenger from the Princess, presented credentials to the jeweller and received the necklace.

"It is believed the thief is a Belgian engineer with whom the Princess has been negotiating for the purchase of a villa. He had several commissions from Princess Jaime, the brother of the Princess."

After earning and losing $500,000 in New York city, John R. Altman and his wife, when about to lose their home in St. Louis, decided to die together and turned on the gas. Their bodies were found on Monday. The pair left a note saying that they had agreed to die after chloroforming a pet cat, which was all they had.

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WHALER WRECKED ON UNGA ISLAND

WAS DASHED AGAINST PRECIPITOUS ROCKS

Port Townsend Launch Fined for Violation of Customs Laws—Boscowitz Returns.

Upon bleak Unga island the whaling schooner Mary and Ida lies wrecked from a gale which overtook her on February 23rd, with the thermometer 13 degrees below zero. The crew have reached San Francisco and the story of the wreck is thus told:

She was swinging at anchor off Winchester station, Unga island, having been sent North for cargo by her owners, the Alaska Codfish Company of this city. Suddenly, on the night of February 23rd, a fierce storm began to rage around the little craft. Within a few minutes the gale had lashed the sea into furious action and the Mary and Ida snapped her anchor chain. Tossing and plunging, the tiny vessel was driven headlong toward one of Unga's precipitous cliffs—the sort that sink sheer into the waves.

With smashing force the seas broke over their impotent prey, and one by one the small boats were broken and hurled adrift. Only the little dory was left, and into this clambered Captain Ipsen, Mate John H. Tibboel, Steward William Klein and other men composing the Mary and Ida's luckless crew.

The dory was dashed ashore and the seamen found themselves clinging to the slippery, icy rocks at the base of a frowning bluff 400 feet high. Unaided ascent of the bluff was impossible and the sailors were in imminent danger of dropping back into the sea.

Just when the star of hope seemed set forever the exhausted sailors saw a man carefully picking his way down the cliff. He was a fisherman, and with a number of his fellows he had seen the wreck of the Mary and Ida, and had seen her crew tossed against the base of the cliff. He finally reached the narrow ledge that held them. He carried one end of a rope, the other end of which was fastened at the summit of the cliff. The sailors still had sufficient strength to cling to the rope and pull themselves up the cliff to a place of safety.

After the shipwrecked men had reached the fishing station, Steward Klein discovered that his boots had "shipped water." His feet were frozen. Without regarding their own condition, Klein's shipmates busied themselves in his behalf. They put his feet in an ice pack, and then bandaged them with oilcloths; and from that time until the arrival in this port his mates never relaxed their efforts to lessen the steward's suffering.

Captain Ipsen and his men remained at the Winchester settlement until the schooner Emma Watts made port and carried them to Pirate cove. Then they boarded the schooner Czarina, which brought them to San Francisco.

Captain Ipsen says that when he and his men left Unga island the Mary and Ida was a total wreck.

BUSY SHIPYARDS.

White Horse shipyards are again busy. It is expected that about $85,000 will be expended in the yards this spring.

During the coming season the travel to the new diggings is expected to take at least one and possibly more of the vessels from the usual run between White Horse and Dawson, because about 60 miles can be traveled on steamers up the Tahkini river, thereby saving that much distance, which otherwise would have to be traveled on the trail either by mushing, horseback or wagon. The La France will ply on this route at the opening of navigation, and if necessary other boats will be added in order to accommodate the traveling public. The principal work going on at the shipyards is the remodelling of the houses on the Dawson and Selkirk, which will be so altered as to conform with the arrangements on the White Horse. New houses are being built on both of these steamers. The Bonanza King is being furnished with new engines and boilers.

THE BOSCOWITZ.

Plenty of cold weather with high winds was the report of Capt. Warren, of the steamer Boscowitz, on that vessel's return from Northern British Columbia ports last evening. A great deal of snow lies on the ground in the North, and as spring has not shown any signs of being near at hand, cannery men have not yet made any preparations for the coming season. The result is that at all the northern stations the quiet of winter prevails, although parties are constantly working their way into the interior from the coast to look over the country in anticipation of a railway boom. The Boscowitz had but one passenger returning for this port. She will sail again probably this evening.

LAMORNA REINSURANCE.

The rate of reinsurance on the ship Lamorna is advancing rapidly, and at last reports from San Francisco it stood at 60 per cent. The news that the wreckage has drifted ashore in large quantities, establishing beyond doubt in the minds of local shipping men that the ship has been lost, is not entirely credited in San Francisco, and big money has been risked on the chances of her arriving. A dispatch from Marshfield, Ore., says: "The steamer Alliance, which arrived on Monday, reports picking up a large boat belonging to the British ship Lamorna, of Greenock, which is supposed to have foundered in a recent storm. The belief is that the Lamorna foundered on March 11th in Barkley sound."

EMILIE FINED.

The gasoline launch Emilie, belonging to E. A. Sims, of Port Townsend, has been fined $400 by Acting Collector J. C. Newbury, of this city, for a violation of the shipping laws. While under charter, the launch came over here a week ago last Sunday, landed a passenger at the outer wharf and returned across the straits, ignoring all the regulations of the Canadian customs. The matter had been reported to Mr. Newbury by one of the customs officers, and, had not the owner arrived a few days ago to settle the matter, the launch on her return to port would have been seized. Mr. Sims, learning of the offence committed, at once crossed to Victoria and told Mr. Newbury that he had no intention of evading the customs regulations. The smallest fine under the statute was imposed, although Mr. Newbury in consideration of the circumstances of the case has recommended to the department at Ottawa that the amount be mitigated.

DID NOT BUY.

The Australian steamer Eurimba will not come to this coast. Capt. A. Whidden and Chief Engineer George McGregor, who were sent out by the company who proposed buying her, returned home on the steamer Moana on Saturday night. The steamer was found to be not what she was recommended and an agreement could not in consequence be reached.

The promoting company intended inaugurating a new line between Victoria and Vancouver and Northern British Columbia ports. They will possibly now look elsewhere for a steamer. Capt. Warren, of the Boscowitz, and others, were interested in the venture.

MARINE NOTES.

The lumber which has been drifting ashore all along the West Coast is believed to be coming from the wrecked schooner Emma Utter, which, as will be remembered, was wrecked at sea while outward bound. When she struck the coast her lumber cargo was scattered broadcast.

BILLIARD RECORD.

New York, March 28.—The World says: "George Slosson in a game of 18-inch balk line billiards, two shots in, with Dr. Arnold, last evening broke the world's record with an unfinished run of 291. The best previous run of 222 was made by Ora Horningstar, an American player, in Paris. In the 400 point game last night Slosson made runs of 52, 21, 0, 36 and 291. Dr. Arnold's runs were 6, 0, 13 and 2."

YOUTH SUFFOCATED.

Kingston, N. Y., March 28.—William Simonds, 19 years, lost his life in a fire to-day, which destroyed a row of frame business buildings at Sauketos. He was suffocated while dressing. The loss by fire is $6,000.

Chief of Police J. J. Vaughan, of Brantford, is dead from heart disease. He had been chief of police of eighteen years.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

WHAT TEA DOES TO RHEUMATICS.

When you next take tea, think of this.

Tea contains 175 grains of Uric Acid in every pound.

Meat contains only five to seven grains.

Rheumatism is Uric Acid in the blood.

Uric Acid accumulates from food when the digestive apparatus cannot create enough Alkaline elements (like soda) to neutralize it.

This Acid collects urea, or worn-out waste matter, from the system.

That Urea enters the blood when Alkaline action has not previously dissolved it.

By and by the waste matter reaches the joints and muscles, through circulation of the blood.

There it gradually deposits in solid particles, like granulated sugar.

These solid particles grind between the joints and muscles at every movement.

This grinding causes irritation and pain. These in turn may develop inflammation and swelling. That inflammation bestirs Nature to help herself.

She proceeds to coat the hard Uric particles over with cushions of pulpy mucous, like the first healing strata of an outer sore.

This pulpy covering grows to the bones, as well as to the particles deposited. There it hardens like plaster or sealing wax. Then we have "bony joints," almost inflexible, and usually fixed in a bended position, from the pain and inflammation.

That is Rheumatism at its worst.

It is bad enough before it gets that far. There is but one sure way of curing Rheumatism. The first step is to neutralize the Uric Acid already in the system. Next, to dissolve, and carry away, the hard deposits that grind between the joints. Then get the digestive apparatus into such healthy condition that it will, unaided, produce less Uric Acid, and more Alkalines.

This is what Doctors generally have failed to do.

It is what I studied a lifetime to accomplish, and achieved only after many failures and thousands of experiments.

At last I found, in Germany, a Solvent which was not only effective, but absolutely safe to use.

Few agents powerful enough to be effective in Rheumatism are safe.

My discovery, now called "Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure," acts directly, but internally, upon Uric Acid in the joints and muscles.

It dissolves, and carries off, the painful deposits, producing an immediate Alkaline condition of the blood, and neutralizing the Acid in it which would have fed the Rheumatism and extended the disease.

It won't restore bony joints to flexibility, and it can't undo, in a week, the damage caused by years of rheumatic condition.

But it will benefit eevry case, and it will entirely cure most cases of Rheumatism.

So sure am I of this, that I will supply Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure, to any sick one who writes me for it, on a month's trial, at my risk.

If it succeeds, the cost to him is only $5.50 for the six bottle treatment.

If it fails, I bear the whole cost myself. And,—he alone shall be the judge—shall decide who shall pay.

Surely you will not continue to suffer when you can thus get well, at my risk.

I have written an important Treatise on Rheumatism, telling of its relief and cure. It is free to Rheumatic people.

Write me a post card for it to-day. Address—Dr. Shoop, Box 18, Racine, Wis.

P. S.—Simple cases often yield to one bottle of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure. (Druggists $1.) But all druggists do not supply it on a month's trial. You must write to me for it.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Smart bell boy. Apply Badminton Club.

WANTED—Reliable man for general outside work. Apply C. L. T., this office.

WANTED—Applications will be received up to noon Tuesday, March 29th, for the position of caretaker at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt. Man and wife preferred. Board and quarters provided. Applicants to state salary required and present testimonials. Address Rev. J. P. Hicks, Beaumont P. O.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times—it will help you.

MEN AND WOMEN WANTED—To run our rapid knitting machines at their homes, making work for us to sell the trade. No experience; no canvassing; steady work; good pay; write to-day; distance no hindrance. Address Home Industrial Knitting Machine Co., Box 339, Windsor, Ontario.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WOMAN WANTED for up-stairs' work, at Hotel Davies.

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Small pony, used to children; cheap. State price and height to H. D., Times Office.

WANTED—50 acres, fenced, within 5 miles of Victoria, 10 acres good cleared land, with water, no house required. State rent by month to F. M. B., Times Office.

WANTED—Household furniture of all kinds, highest prices paid for same; also brass, copper, lead and brass candlesticks; bedroom sets from $8 up. At the Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Fort and Blanchard streets. Pierce O'Connor.

WANTED—Restaurant partnership in good business. Apply E., this office.

WANTED—Row boat or Indian canoe, capable of holding about five persons; must be in good condition; state price. R. D., Times Office.

TO JOB PRINTERS—Our artists are now making cover designs, sketches, etc., for the best catalogue work produced in the West. Send your ideas, and outline sketches will be furnished without charge. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., Victoria.

WANTED—We have continual inquiries for Vancouver Island farm lands. If your property is for sale write us at once, giving full particulars, and we will sell it for you if it can be sold. Heisterman & Co., Victoria, B. C.

BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Associations, etc., should consult us when preparing guide books, advertising literature, and all kinds of illustrated folders. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

WANTED—Tools, furniture, clothing, lamps, candlesticks, etc. Best prices paid at the I. X. L. Second-Hand Store, No. 8 Store street, next to E. & N. station.

WANTED—Photo-Engraving work from all parts of the province; satisfaction guaranteed; send for samples. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

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WANTED—TO LET.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—To rent, cottage or small 2-storied house, in neighborhood of Fort street. Apply to J. A. Douglas, over 69 Government street.

TO LET.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR RENT—6 roomed house, 212 Cook street (Sabin Block), good condition, sewer connected.

TO LET—New 7 roomed house, all modern conveniences, Fernwood road. Apply Mr. Le Clerc, cor. Pandora and Fernwood.

TO BE LET—40 Kane street, a large house, low rent. Key at A. W. Bridgman's, 41 Government street.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS TO LET—Single or en suite; cheapest in city; across from Dominion Hotel, 126 Yates street.

TO LET—Desirable cottage, Oak Bay Ave., $10. Heisterman & Co.

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HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—Oak House, Esquimalt road, 2 story, 7 roomed house, with all modern improvements; 2 lots. Apply to J. A. Douglas, over 69 Government street.

FOR SALE—House and lot, close to Fort street car, at less than cost of improvements; price $1,100, one-third cash, balance on easy terms. Apply Heisterman & Co.

FOR SALE—Lot (16), Battery street, James Bay, near Beacon Hill Park, facing S., 52 feet wide by 120 feet deep; cheap for cash. Apply to J. A. Douglas, over 69 Government street.

FOR SALE OR RENT—On exceptionally easy terms, cottage, 6 rooms and garden, all modern improvements, 14 Hillside Ave. Apply to J. A. Douglas, over 69 Government street.

FOR SALE—Splendid building lots, with sea view; rich loamy soil; terms reasonable and payments easy; frontage on Moss street and Dallas road. Apply to J. A. Douglas, over 69 Government street.

SNAP—We are going to sell 100 very choice building lots near Hillside avenue to close an estate. The prices are low, and the terms $10 down and $5 a month, without interest. Come in early, as they won't last long. Heisterman & Co.

FOR SALE—House, corner Head street and Esquimalt road, with modern improvements. Inquire on premises, or 61 First street.

FOR SALE—2-storied house with stone foundation, 22 Carr street, 4 rooms downstairs, 4 up; large cellar, garden, etc.; lot 72x103 feet. Apply to J. A. Douglas, over 69 Government street.

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BOARD AND ROOMS.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

TO LET—Furnished rooms, with or without board. 10 Rae street.

ROOM AND BOARD—Also table board. 73 Blanchard, between Johnson and Pandora; 3 minutes' walk from Government.

OSBORNE HOUSE—Cor. Pandora and Blanchard streets, Victoria, B. C. Good sunny rooms, with or without board; terms moderate. Mrs. Phil. H. Smith, Prop.

COME TO US

WHEN YOU WANT A HEAPING MONEY'S WORTH. CASH OR CREDIT. IN EITHER CASE YOU GET GREAT VALUES. COMPETITORS WATCH OUR ADS. WITH ABSORBING INTEREST.

RABBIT AND BACON ..... 25c. per Tin
SARATOGA CHIPS ..... 15c. per Pkt.
STRICTLY FRESH EGGS ..... 20c. per Doz.
ABSOLUTELY PURE NATIVE PORT ..... 25c. per Qt.

Carne's Grocery Store, Cor. Yates and Broad Streets

Seed Peas

And All kinds of field seeds.

McDowell & Rosie

93 JOHNSON ST. TEL. 487.

LAND FOR SALE.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—Nice cottage, 7 rooms, sewerage connection, two large lots, fine view, central locality; snap, $2,000. Address M. M., this office.

FOR SALE—Five miles from Victoria, 30 acres of good land, 17 acres cleared, the remainder slashed, with good house and barn erected thereon, for $3,500. Address O. P., Times Office.

FOR SALE—79 acres of land at Goldstream. For particulars apply Eden's Junk Store, 125 Fort street.

FOR SALE—At a sacrifice, section 24, Goldstream District, 165 acres of land, suitable for stock or chicken raising; must be sold. Write, making an offer, to Box 514, Vancouver, B. C.

FOR SALE—At less than cost of improvements, 121 acres in Highland District; first-class frame dwelling, log stable and other outhouses, about 50 fruit trees beginning to bear; make fine chicken ranch; good road; $1,000; terms. Apply Times office.

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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—Two good horses, spring delivery wagon, harness, Mexican saddle. Apply 106 Oswego street.

FOR SALE—One phaeton, two light wagons and four carts; cheap for cash. W. A. Robertson & Son, 56 Discovery St.

FOR SALE—A few thoroughbred pointer puppies, 6 weeks old, from Chicago Bess by Oregon Lad. M. A. Wylde, Times Office.

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NURSERY STOCK FOR SALE.

LAXTON, Improved Sharpless, Magoon and Clyde Strawberry Plants, $1.00 per 100, $5.00 per 1,000; Hardy Early Cabbage Plants, 50c. per 100, 80c. per 200, $1.00 per 300; catalogue of nursery stock free. G. A. Knight, Mount Tolmie Nursery, Victoria, B. C.

SOCIETIES.

COURT CARIBOO, No. 743, I. O. F., meets in Caledonia Hall, first and third Tuesday, at 8 p. m., each month. Tho. Le Messurier, Fin. Secretary, Garbally road.

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

THOMAS CATTERALL—16 Broad street. Building in all its branches; wharf work and general jobbing. Tel. 820.

CONTRACTORS.

ESTIMATES GIVEN on moving buildings; work carefully done at reasonable prices. Johnson & Co., 111 North Pembroke St.

CARRUTHERS, DICKSON & HOWES, 131 to 135 Johnson street, Grimm's Block, manufacturers of show cases and store fixtures in hard and soft wood; designs and estimates furnished.

CLEANING WORKS.

GENTS' CLOTHES cleaned, pressed, repaired or altered, at 136 Yates street, opposite Dominion Hotel. All work guaranteed. James Dupen.

PRACTICAL CLEANING AND PRESSING WORKS—Lace Curtains and Blankets a specialty. Paul's, 165½ Douglas street. Phone 1012.

CEMENT WORK.

SLATE AND GRAVEL ROOFING, cement sidewalks laid, etc. John Bell. Leave orders at Nicholles & Renouf.

EDUCATIONAL.

KENNEDY—Voice specialist. Lessons in tone production, style, repertoire. Consultation at 12 Caledonia avenue.

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Special attention given to bookkeeping. Thorough instruction in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting. E. A. Macmillan, principal.

ART SCHOOL—53 Douglas street, cor. of Fort. All subjects, including wood carving and mechanical drawing. Martindale, master. Private lessons given.

ENGRAVERS.

TO ADVERTISERS—We make cuts which enhance the effectiveness of your advertisements one hundred per cent. Nothing so effective as illustrations. From $2 upwards, according to size. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co.

FISHING.

FISHING SEASON IS NOW ON, and fishermen going to Shawnigan will save time by getting off at the 25-Mile Post, where Julius Barron will be found with plenty of boats right on the fishing grounds.

HALF TONES.

OUR HALF-TONE CUTS in copper are unexcelled by the biggest Eastern firms. Send a trial order to the B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street.

MACHINISTS.

L. HAFER, General Machinist, No. 150 Government street. Tel. 930.

LOST AND FOUND.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

LOST—A lady's steel beaded chatelaine bag. Finder please return to this office.

LOST—Yesterday afternoon, heavy gold chain bracelet. Finder kindly return to this office.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS.

A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths; Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shipping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B.C. Telephone call 126.

POTTERY WARE.

SEWER PIPE, FIELD TILE, GROUND FIRE CLAY, FLOWER POTS, ETC. B. C. POTTERY CO., LIMITED, CORNER BROAD AND PANDORA STREETS, VICTORIA.

UNDERTAKING.

W. J. HANNA, Graduate U. S. College of Embalming, New York, 102 Douglas street. Office telephone, 498. Residence telephone, 611.

ZINC ETCHINGS.

SPECIAL DESIGNS for firm names executed by us in zinc. Just the thing to use in your advertisements, maps, plans, etc. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co.

Kingham & Co.

VICTORIA AGENTS FOR THE WESTERN FUEL CO., NANAIMO, B.C.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL

Lump or Sack ..... $6.50 per ton
Delivered to any part within the city limits.
OFFICE, 54 BROAD ST.
TELEPHONE 647.

COAL! COAL! COAL!

BEST HOUSEHOLD COAL.

HALL & WALKER,

100 GOVERNMENT ST.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH, AND FOLLOWING DAYS

The Very Newest Millinery, Beautiful Neckwear, New Belts, New Laces, Etc.

—AT—

Stevens & Jenkins

84 DOUGLAS STREET.

The Mikado

Lunch and Tea Rooms 44 FORT STREET

Open from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Specialties for lunch every day. Orders from 10c. upwards.

BON TON CO.

70½ DOUGLAS ST.

Big Reduction Sale

—OF—

Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Blouses, Skirts, Wrappers, Etc.

The entire stock will be cleared out before moving to other premises. Don't fail to take advantage of this sale.

Dallas Hotel

ROOM AND BOARD

At reasonable rates during winter months.

Rooms En Suite or Single

Heated with steam throughout.

NOTICE.

REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1886, CHAPTER 92.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF WHARF AT THE PORT OF VICTORIA, B.C.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886, Chapter 92, the undersigned, by petition dated this day, has applied to the Governor in Council for approval of the area plan and site of wharf and works proposed to be constructed on and over the foreshore and submerged lands adjoining or abutting on Lots 8 and 12, Lime Bay, Victoria, B. C. A plan of the said proposed works and a description by metes and bounds of the foreshore and submerged lands has been deposited with the Minister of Public Works, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., March 12th, 1904.

C. W. KIRK.

Distillers' Company, Limited
EDINBURGH
V. R. O.
20 YEARS IN WOOD
Cases and Bulk
R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.
Pacific Coast Agents

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 29.—5 a. m.—The pressure is low over both the Pacific slope and the Northwest. Moderate to heavy rainfall has been general west of the Rockies, and temperatures have risen. In the Northwest the weather is unsettled, with moderate temperatures and light snowfall in scattered localities.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly and easterly winds, unsettled, with showers and higher temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with showers and higher temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, 41; minimum, 40; wind, calm; rain, .30; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.42; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, calm; rain, .46; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.40; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, calm; rain, .10; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.40; temperature, 14; minimum, 14; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 8 miles W.; rain, .30; weather, rain.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.38; temperature, 38; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—C T Gretner, Mrs W Lindley, W J Kent, Mr Abatt, Dyne Cort, Mrs Beaton, Mrs H C Bellinger, C A Patwin and wife, Mr Huesnon, Mrs Ball, S Perry Mills, Lulu Berger, S G Russell, F C Cummings, Capt McDonald and wife, Mr Van Horn, G Alexander, Mrs J J Cook, Mrs White, C M Johnson, R R Hedley, Mrs J E Gaudy, F P Stewart, F E Dellaney, A Harvey, F G Wright, Blanche Walsh Theatrical Co of 26 people.

Per steamer Whatcom from the Sound—V R Bolts, R Lewen, P O'Brien, Edw Evans, F C Hubbard and wife, S Burns and wife, A E McDonald, R T McDonald, Capt Marden, J Freeman, Jas Shenk and wife, J W Arthur and wife, G A Weigel and wife, Mrs Frye, G W Ashford, N Francis, Miss Thomas, Miss Stacy, R Booth, J B Hardy, Mrs Cass, Mrs Lowell, A Wilmot.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—R H Johnston, John Coughlan, C M Cookson, Andrew Sheret, Albion Iron Wks, Blair & Adams, Schaak Mach Wks, R S B, S J Pitts, Rithet & Co, R Porter & Son, G E M & Co.

PILL SENSE.—It stands to reason that Dr. Agnew's Little Liver Pills will crowd out of the market many of the nauseous old-timers. A better medicine at less than half the price is all the argument needed to keep the demand what it has been—phenomenal—40 doses 10 cents. They cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, and allay all stomach irritations. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—5.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Tuesday.

1. Drill, Nos. 1 and 2 companies; 2. Recruit drill; 3. Band practice.

Wednesday.

1. Drill, Nos. 3 and 4 companies; 2. Recruit drill; 3. Office, 8 p. m.

Thursday.

1. Gymnastic night; 2. Practice, bugle band.

Friday.

Regimental parade at 9 a. m.; dress, drill order.

Saturday.

Band concert.

BABY SHOULD HAVE THE BEST
LACTATED FOOD
Is Indorsed by Thousands of Mothers and Physicians

Careful and loving mothers have a friend in Lactated Food. Thousands of mothers' letters tell how their children have grown from weak and puny babies to healthy, happy and vigorous youngsters through the use of Lactated Food.

FINLANDERS LEAVE PLACE OF ADOPTION

Report That the Colony on Malcolm Island is in Dire Condition.

Arrivals from the north on the steamer Danube are authority for the statement that the Finnish colony established on Malcolm island has all but broken up. Members are scattering near and far, and but few remain. Twelve arrived on the Danube, and another contingent reached the Terminal City on a previous trip of the same vessel. There have been many causes tending to the disunion. Socially, although started on what were considered idealistic principles, it is said the laws that were made did not work successfully. One trouble after another followed in fast succession, until finally the want of finances completed the disintegration of the colony.

The colony on Malcolm Island, officially known as the Kalevan Kansa Colonization Company, was the outcome of an ideal which existed in the mind of Matti Kurikka. Mr. Kurikka, after becoming weary of the oppression of Russia, sought an asylum for his fellow countrymen. After a visit to Australia he came to British Columbia, and finally perfected the scheme which resulted in the colonization of the island.

The co-operation of the government of the province was won, and an active campaign commenced. The island was given to the colonists, who organized themselves into an incorporated company. The conditions upon which it was granted to them was that should the settlers not succeed in their enterprise that the land should revert to the crown.

A tour of the United States in the interests of the colony resulted in putting life into the enterprise. The basis of the settlement was to be a community of interests. Membership was fixed at $250, payable in instalments. Provision was made for the insuring of those deprived of the means of support by the death of husband and father. The aged were also to be insured. A certain number of days' work each year was to be required of each, and the conduct of the company's affairs was to be vested in a board of management.

A selection of a townsite was made, the place being called Sointula, "a place of harmony." A sawmill was erected and was being equipped. A herd of cattle was taken up to provide for the needs of the colony, and an attempt was made to provide arable land by the draining of swamps.

In the early history of the company a difficulty was encountered by the burning down of a large boarding house at Sointula, and the loss of a number of lives. In spite of that set back the colonists went to work again, in the hope of making a success of the enterprise. They intended to put the colony on a substantial basis by means of the fisheries, the timber and the farming resources.

Dissatisfaction broke out, however, and a resort to law was made by those who sought to recover the money they had put into the concern. Following this the settlers have been quitting the colony.

Matti Kurikka, it is understood, is still resident there, and will attempt to revive interest in his pet scheme.

WILL FURNISH A ROOM.

Daughters of Pity Undertake This Work in Strathcona Ward at Hospital.

The Daughters of Pity of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the city hall. It was decided to furnish a room in the Strathcona ward at a sum not to exceed $125. The Sunday concert to be held at the hospital on Easter was discussed, and Miss D. Sehl, Miss Potts and Miss Hartnagle will make the necessary arrangements.

The final distribution of Lenten sewing was made.

A request is being made for donations of pot and cut flowers for the Easter festival at the hospital. These may be left at Dean & Hiscock's up to Saturday at noon. They will be taken from there direct to the hospital.

The honorary president called attention to the "Made in Canada" fair to be given under the auspices of the King's Daughters in May. It was strongly recommended to the society. It was pointed out that the King's Daughters had in view the erection of a convalescent home, which was so much needed as an accessory to the hospital. This it was felt should prompt more hearty co-operation on the part of the Daughters of Pity.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th.

James S. Jellyman was found dead in bed in a house on Monday on Oliver avenue, Westmount, Montreal. He gave up the lease of the place some time ago and sent his family to live at Moncton, N. B. Since that time he has been living in the place alone. Beside the bed was a penciled note asking his friends to see that his wife and family got a living. It is supposed that he committed suicide by means of poison.

DATE OF VOTING FIXED BY COUNCIL

TWO BY-LAWS TO GO BEFORE RATEPAYERS

One Will Provide for New School Buildings and the Other for Rock Bay Causeway.

As forecasted in the Times yesterday afternoon, a by-law was introduced at last evening's meeting of the city council, authorizing the expenditure of the surplus from the Point Ellice bridge funds after the structure is completed on the proposed causeway across Rock Bay, or, in other words, the Bay street extension.

The ratepayers will record their verdict on this and the school by-laws on April 14th. Quite a number of other matters were dealt with at the meeting.

A document from the Supreme court headed the procession of communications. It was a writ of summons in an action arising out of a tax sale. The plaintiff is Mrs. E. Behnson. This was turned over to the city solicitor.

E. B. Marvin and others applied for a light on the corner of Cadboro Bay road and School street. Enclosed with the application was a petition on the subject presented to the council by the same applicants last year. This was referred to the electric light committee for report.

D. W. Higgins complained of the desecration of graves at the Ross Bay cemetery. Referred to the cemetery committee, with power to act.

Jos. Peirson, hon. secretary of the Navy League, enclosed copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the league yesterday afternoon supporting the proposed bill to be introduced in the House of Commons, relating to establishment of a Canadian naval militia. He requested the council to pass a similar resolution. It was decided to comply with the request.

A. T. Goward, manager of the B. C. Electric, wrote desiring to submit proposals for the lighting of the city by his company, and asking information regarding the cost of the present system.

Ald. Stewart vigorously opposed giving the company information as to the cost of lighting the city at present. If the company had a proposal to make he would be willing to hear it.

Ald. Fell concurred in this view. It was decided, on motion of Ald. Stewart, to inform the company that the council was willing to listen to any proposal they wished to make, but declined to furnish information as to the present cost.

P. R. Brown applied for a permanent sidewalk on the north side of Fort street, between Douglas and Blanchard streets. Referred to the streets committee.

H. Mortimer-Lamb urged that the work of extending sewerage facilities to Pemberton road be undertaken as early as possible. Referred to the sewers committee.

Caroline Humphries requested the extension of sewerage system to her residence on Mears street. Referred to the sewer committee.

W. D. McIntosh asked permission to plant trees for a boulevard on Quebec street, in front of his residence. He also applied for some drainage facilities for roof water. Referred to the city engineer.

J. F. Smith threatened to hold the corporation responsible for any damage caused by a large tree at his place on Fairfield road, which he had desired cut down. This was referred to the city engineer.

A. C. Grayson, of Victoria crescent, asked for sewerage connection. If the city would provide the pipe he would pay for the work, or vice versa. Referred to the city engineer for report.

The city clerk reported the receipt of communications from J. Douglas, J. T. Deaville, John Hall, A. Brakes, Wm. McCarter, Heisterman & Co., and D. W. Higgins, which had been referred to the city engineer.

In reference to the communication from Mr. McCarter, seeking the widening of a portion of Fort street, Ald. Grahame moved that the petitioner be informed that the council would favorably consider the widening of the street. On amendment of Ald. Oddy, however, the communication was referred to the streets committee.

The council awarded the contract for supplying a large factory built sprinkler to John Meston for $568, and to T. M. Brayshaw the contract for the small home-made sprinkler for $495.

The water commissioner urged the council to order water meters at once. The matter will be taken up with the estimates.

The same commissioner reported the commencement of the work of laying the main on Elliot street.

Thos. Horne and other small milk vendors protested against the imposition of a tax contemplated in the milk by-law. Referred to the city solicitor.

Wr. Hodge and others petitioned for a more equitable distribution of the city horseshoeing.

Ald. Stewart moved that this be more equally distributed. Carried.

The electric light committee recommended the installation of lights on Battery and Rithet streets, San Juan avenue and corner of Ellice and Bridge streets. Adopted.

The streets committee recommended repairs on St. Charles street, a new sidewalk on Seventh street and the calling for tenders for street sprinkling. Carried.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of $7,171.35 for the usual purpose.

Ald. Fell's motion regarding the appointment of a committee to investigate the septic tank system was then introduced. Ald. Fell explained briefly that some effective method for sewering certain parts of the city which could not be accomplished by the gravitation system was required.

The motion was carried, and the following were appointed on the committee: Ald. Fell, Beckwith and Stewart.

Ald. Vincent's motion providing for the lighting of the city every night in the year was carried.

The motions by Ald. Stewart and Vincent regarding permanent sidewalks on Yates and Wharf streets were also passed.

The same course was adopted with the motion by Ald. Stewart relating to permanent sidewalks on Birdcage Walk and Menzies streets, from Belleville to Superior streets. In this connection the Mayor explained that Mr. Henderson, the public works superintendent here, had communicated with Ottawa as to the Federal government's contribution to the cost, but had received no reply. He did not think, however, that any difficulty from this source would be encountered. The resolution was passed.

Leave being granted, the by-law authorizing the expenditure on the Rock Bay causeway and James Bay reclamation works moneys of the Point Ellice bridge fund remaining unexpended when the structure is completed was considered.

This by-law went through the necessary stages, and it was decided to submit it to the ratepayers on April 14th, when the voting on the school buildings by-law will also take place.

A by-law to amend the sewers connection and rental by-law was introduced, read a first and second time, and considered in committee. The committee reported progress.

A by-law to amend the plumbers' by-law was read a first and second time, and then went through committee, after which it was read a third time. The council then adjourned.

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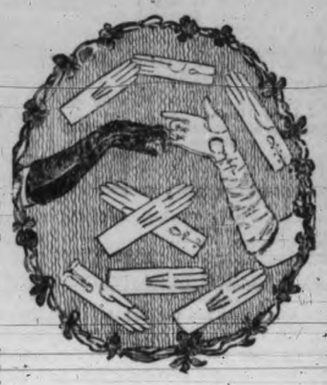
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UNREASONABLE OPPOSITION.

For reasons that are not apparent at present, the Vancouver News-Advertiser is now opposing the Dominion government's scheme for the construction of a second great transcontinental railway through Canada. When the enterprise was first laid before the public our Vancouver contemporary was strongly in favor of it. It could not understand the reasons for the opposition of its neighbor the Province at all. Perhaps the News-Advertiser thinks now that the work is assured, and British Columbia is certain to receive the benefit of a development line running through the northern portion of its territory, it would be more seemly for it as a Conservative newspaper to fall back within the party traces.

Whatever may be the cause of our contemporary's backsliding, it affects to believe that the proposal first submitted to the Canadian government by the Grand Trunk Railway Company would have been the best for the country. The old Grand Trunk Company, seeing that it had made a serious mistake in running its lines westward into the United States instead of through the great fertile plains of the Canadian Northwest, suggested to the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that upon certain conditions it would be pleased to come to the assistance of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the exploitation of the resources of the West. It beheld the land that it was good and that the dividends to settlers and transportation companies were sure. It longed to share in the present and future prosperity of that wonderful region.

But the government which was asked to grant generous assistance to the company had in view a broader and more comprehensive enterprise than the Grand Trunk Railway Company was willing to consider. It had reports from explorers and surveyors to the effect that the fertile belt of Canada was not confined entirely to the prairies of the Northwest. It had good authority for the belief that the valuable tract extended northward in the neighborhood of a thousand miles from the United States border. And it asked itself why the lines of communication in the East should all be run through territory but a few miles in breadth. More than that, complaints were becoming general that the subsidized Canadian companies were diverting the major portion of their traffic to United States terminal points. And so it was determined that if the Grand Trunk people wanted government assistance they must meet the wishes of the people of Canada and make their line one exclusively for the development and for the benefit of Canada.

The result was the formation of a new corporation, called the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. Its lines will extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific through virgin territory. Its terminal points will be Canadian. If the plans of the opposition had been accepted the old Grand Trunk Company would have been admitted to the Northwest, and the condition of the East and the West would have remained for years as it is to-day. One section of the Conservative party is opposed to the Eastern portion of the work; the other objects to the Western section. They claim that both will result in a needless sacrifice of public money. If they had had their way, another score of years would probably have elapsed before the opening of the northern lands to settlers would have been undertaken by the construction of a third complete transcontinental railway. While it is true Sir Charles Rivers Wilson complains of the niggardly treatment that has been accorded the pioneer Canadian road compared with the generosity with which treasure was poured into the coffers of the C. P. R. by another government, there is no doubt whatever that the line will be built, and that as quickly as modern methods will permit. Mr. Hays says the work of surveying has never been abandoned, that it is proceeding as briskly as possible, and that the active work of grading will be commenced during the present year.

Dr. A. T. Drummond, a man with special sources of information and of considerable personal experience in the northern wilds of Canada, in a recent lecture upon the possibilities of agriculture in the regions the Grand Trunk Pacific will penetrate, said a thousand miles of forest or open land lie between the United States boundary and the point within the Artic circle where trees entirely disappear. Between the oceans there are three distincts belts with distinctive flora, each absolutely different from the other, and within the north temperate zone. One group has its highest development in Ontario, a second on the prairies of Manitoba and westward, and the third west of the Rockies. The northward range of trees is of importance in connection with the location of the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The projected route for the government section would be about 300 miles north of Toronto and 200 north of Ottawa. Before this distance is reached, the red and sugar maple, all the oaks, butternut, basswood, beech, ash, hemlock and other valuable trees have ceased to grow; the elm is rarely met; white and red pine are very scarce. The prevailing forest includes chiefly black and white spruce, balsam, poplar, aspen, paper birch and Banksian pine, none of them so good as white and red pine for building. The longer light during the day and the cooler nights have had more to do with the high standard of Manitoba wheat than the magnificent and fertile soil. The further north that wheat can be successful grown, the better it is. This may prove to be a general rule for timber growth and fruit. There is no reason why the northern portions of Canada generally should not be equally as prolific as Manitoba. Therefore, the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific must be carried out. After it is completed Canada will soon find herself.

METERS AGAIN.

Persistency of purpose is an admirable trait in the character of a public man or a private individual. Persistency in wrong-doing indicates fixity of purpose. It is also a manifestation of energy of character. Persistency and energy properly directed may accomplish great and useful works. Mountains are never moved by good intentions unsupported by energy, activity and persistency.

We observe that our old friend the meter man has turned his irrigating hose upon the hardy annual which rears its head with unfailing regularity at this season of the year. We have done our best to convince him of the error of his ways—to open his petals of vision to the unmistakable fact that he is not living in a city of from a million to three millions population, and that there is an abundance of water on all sides ready for the consumer at what ought to be a lower cost than is possible in perhaps any other place on the face of the earth. But he will not listen to us. He sticks to his purpose of limiting the supply instead of adopting the common sense course of giving the residents all they care to use for all purposes of personal and household cleanliness and municipal beautification. We have tried to open the water commissioner's eyes to the error of his ways, to induce him to give up reading and being influenced by what are practically the organs of the meter manufacturers and to take in the situation as it really exists. All to no purpose. He wants more meters. Before any further expenditures are authorized for such tomfool experiments, for the information of the public we would be glad to publish a report on the beneficial effects of the meters that have already been installed. Let some of the aldermen take up this matter seriously and consider what can be done to increase the water supply by enlarging mains that are already too small, strengthening other pipes that are too weak to stand necessary pressure, and renovating the system generally. Let us conserve our resources for such purposes, perhaps eventually to secure water from a place in every way better suited as a source of supply (if all the lakes be not handed over by a benevolently-inclined government to speculatively-inclined individuals). But in the name of common sense suppress the meter maniac.

Householders in a city situated as Victoria is should be encouraged to use water. They should not be discouraged. The water rates are too high now. And it is proposed to lock more capital up in useless measuring machines, for the benefit of no one that we are aware of but the American manufacturers, whose agents of persuasive ways will soon be camped around the city hall.

CANADA AND HER NEIGHBOR.

We fear it would be a risky experiment to enter into a reciprocity treaty with the United States. Our neighbors are making a dreadful uproar about the withdrawal of privileges of transportation they have been permitted to enjoy for the past six or seven years. They are appealing to Washington and are threatening retaliation in various forms. Having tasted of the trade of Canada by consent they advocate its retention by force. What would happen if there were a general slackening of laws from ocean to ocean, followed by an international jar? The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, being a restrictionist organ of the first class, should on principle welcome all movements of the class against which it protests. But the difficulty lies in the fact that the protectionist of the extreme view rejoices only when his own people accomplish some great coup against a rival nation. He is sorely troubled when the doctrine he preaches so eloquently is applied against him personally. And yet it is as certain as the movements of the tides that the time will come when every nation will be forced to take measures to protect itself against rival nations of the predatory type, which believe that they can with impunity close their own doors to outsiders while they hope to be permitted to pass more or less freely through the doors of other nations, after gathering up all they see that their avaricious hearts covet. We would be the last to suggest the taking of measures that might be offensive to our neighbors. But it is certain that any movement we may make for the conservation of our resources and for the retention of profits that properly and reasonably belong to us will be a cause of offence in border cities. There will be a considerable amount of bluster and brag about what will happen if we persist in our purposes. Nevertheless we shall not be deterred. We have adopted fish traps in self-protection. The privileges accorded United States transportation companies have been withdrawn. There is still much to be done before all regulations shall be reduced to a reciprocal basis. We must beg our neighbors as the work goes on to examine their own book and not to be surprised if they find a leaf gone.

The Manchester ship canal, which appeared destined to be such a dismal failure during the early stages of its career, is steadily adding to its business. At the semi-annual meeting recently it was shown that the tonnage has increased from less than 1,000,000 tons per year ten years ago, to approximately 4,000,000 in 1903, while the receipts, which were less than $500,000 in 1894, are now $2,000,000.

THE SCRAPPY LITTLE JAPPY.

New York Globe.

When we first observed the yellow little fellow from Japan,
With his satins, flowers and silks we grew acquainted.
We imagined him as standing in a garden with a fan,
Nigh a dainty paper mansion, nicely painted.
But he offered no suggestion of a warship or a gun,
Or a deed of martial valor, fiercely scrappy;
Or the military neatness shown beneath the rising sun
In the plucky little, lucky little Jappy.

When first upon the Yalu he destroyed the poor Chinese,
He displayed for modern war a passion ready.
He took to shells, torpedo boats, and warships with the ease
Of a spunky little duckling in an eddy.
Later, when we stormed Pekin, the Jap was first upon the grounds,
With a dash that made the god of war feel happy—
You were sure a revelation to the military nations.
Oh, you fiery little, wiry little Jappy.

Lately, when he bearded Russia with demands to right a wrong,
We remarked, "Be careful, kid—we would advise, sir,
That the bear is fierce and shaggy, that the Czar is cruel and strong—
Better look for something nearer to your size, sir."
But the youngster, like a demon, clutched the windpipe of the bear,
Till his mighty paws were paralyzed and frappe.
Now her battleships lie battered, and her banners torn and tattered,
By the spunky little, chunky little Jappy.

STORY OF AN IRISHMAN.

Toronto Star.

The Rev. Mr. Madill, who preceded Rev. Frank Forster, was popular with the Orangemen of West Toronto, and his annual tea-meeting was a rally time for the brethren, especially for those who were out for votes. At one particular tea-meeting every man on the platform was an active Orangeman, except Mr. McGillicuddy, who was invited as representing a neighboring church. When his turn came to speak, he alluded to the number of "Worthy Masters" and the "Grand Worthy Master" who had preceded him, and said that he could not help thinking of the following story:

An Irishman came to this country, and, having prospered, sent for his brother. When the latter arrived, he was taken out for a tramp into the woods, to see nature in her attractive Canadian garb. The newcomer espied a big baggy looking thing in a tree and wanted to climb up and investigate.

The other man replied: "Now, Mike, let me go and see; I'm longer in this country than you are."

He climbed the tree, and said, after listening carefully: "Whist, whist; there's inhabitants in it."

He then took a twig and thrust it into the bag, when to his surprise and discomfort a host of yellow-jackets issued in fighting trim. As Pat leaped to the ground, he yelled out in warning tones:

"Run for your life, Mike; I've disturbed an Orange lodge in session."

The applause from the brethren on and off the platform proved that the moral did not need to be pointed out in Bethel church of that date.

SENATOR WARK'S WIT.

Toronto Star.

Thos. McGillicudy, of this city, usually has a story to suit the occasion. A group of former Maritime Province men were discussing the celebration of Senator Wark's one hundredth birthday, when Mr. McGillicuddy said that the hopeful and vigorous condition of the venerable Senator reminded him of the following story:

A few years ago a man in an Eastern town attained his one hundredth birthday. Most of the townsfolk came to the house of the centenarian and congratulated him upon his having seen a hundred years of life. But among every half dozen or so men there is almost certain to be a pessimistic fellow—one who was born on a dull day, and who carries the gloom of that day in his temperament and viewpoint all through life. The fifth or sixth chap who came to congratulate the old gentleman upon having reached his century was just such a fellow as that, and as he shook his venerable townsman by the hand, he said:

"Well, sir, you have seen a hundred years, but it is not likely, at your time of life, that you will see many more."

The old man drew himself up hopefully, and, with a twinkle in his eye, replied: "I don't know about that, my friend, I would have you remember that I have started on my second century a good deal stronger on my legs than I began my first."

SNUFFY SCOTSWOMAN'S WILL.

St. James's Gazette.

One of the strangest wills preserved is that of a Mrs. Margaret Thompson, who, "in the name of God, amen," directed that in her coffin should be buried all her handkerchiefs and sufficient of the best Scotch snuff to cover her body. This she preferred to flowers, as "nothing could be more fragrant and refreshing to me as that precious powder." Further, the six greatest snuff takers in the parish of St. James, Westminster, were to be her bearers. Six old maids, each bearing in her hand a box filled with the best Scotch snuff to take for their refreshment as they walked, were to carry the pall. Before the corpse the minister was to walk, carrying and partaking of a pound of snuff. At every twenty yards a large handful of snuff was to be delivered to the bystanders, while at the door of the testator's house were to be placed for gratuitous distribution two bushels of the same quality of snuff. Several legacies depended upon the fulfilment of the conditions of the will, and all concerned were bidden to regard the powder as the grand cordial of nature.

STOPPED THE PRESS.

Chicago Chronicle.

"Sam" Davis, editor of the Virginia City Enterprise, was once annoyed by a rival, who was continually "stopping the press" in order to insert a piece of late news. There was hardly a day that the rival did not say, "We stop the press to announce that" somebody had died, moved, been born, run away, lost money at cards, sold a mine, bought a new hat or been arrested. So one day Davis inserted the following on the front page of his paper, deeply leaded and under the heading, "Important": "We stop the press to announce that there is no news of sufficient importance to justify us in stopping the press. Giddap."

CHEAP AND GOOD SPRING MEDICINE.

Boston Globe.

A distinguished physician, upon being asked what was the best spring medicine, replied that it was breathing. People have been exceptionally deprived of air during the past winter, and as the cold air becomes sufficiently tempered not to injure the lungs, those organs should be built up again by daily breathing exercises. Breathing is a sovereign remedy for our national disease of nervous depletion. Correct breathing brings into play all the internal organs, and at the same time develops the heart, liver and kidneys.

TO PREVENT MISTAKE.

Belleville Ontario.

A Winnipeg dispatch says Sir Charles Hibb. Tupper has retired from politics. Hibb. has to crawl out of the elevator shaft every week to announce this, as he does not wish anybody to make the mistake of thinking he is Premier of Canada.

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ENDORSED THE BILL.

Navy League Warmly Supports Hon. R. Prefontaine's Reserve Measure.

At a special meeting of the Navy League committee yesterday afternoon the following self-explanatory resolution was passed:

"Unanimously resolved that the committee of the Victoria, British Columbia, branch of the Navy League being in harmony with the known sentiment of a large section of the people of this Western outpost of the Empire and of the men of the sealing and mercantile marine industries, desires to express its perfect accord with, and its most cordial approval and support of, the action of the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine in the proposed introduction to the Federal House of Commons of a bill for the establishment of a Canadian naval militia on the lines now operative in the ancient colony of Newfoundland, embracing the establishing and maintaining of reserves for the Royal navy as well as training ships on both Atlantic and Pacific coasts."

The secretary was instructed to request the city council to pass a similar resolution.

It was suggested that the league extend a cordial welcome to Capt. Fraser, officers and men of H. M. S. Bonaventure, which had just relieved H. M. S. Amphion on this station. There were present at the meeting: A. B. Fraser, sr., president; Lord Bishop of Columbia, ex-Mayor Redfern, Capt. J. T. Walbran, Capt. J. G. Cox, Capt. C. E. Clarke, Rowland Stuart, S. A. Roberts and J. Peirson. Capt. Gaudin communicated his regret at his inability to attend the meeting.

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It is a significant fact that there are during the present session more female students in the medical faculties of the Swiss universities than males. The total number of medical students of both sexes at the various universities is 1,654, of which 891 are women and 763 men. The number of females at the several universities are as follows: At Berne 377, at Lausanne 181, at Zurich 177, at Geneva 151, and at Basel 5.

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As every person likes to have something new for Easter, a present at this season is particularly acceptable, and nothing is more suitable than a piece of jewellery or silverware. Among other articles fit for the occasion we have a specially fine line of sterling silver photo frames, gold crosses, book markers, opera glasses, etc., which we shall be pleased to show you. Do not forget the old reliable house.

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—A party visited the home of Mrs. T. Hale, Victoria West, on Saturday evening, giving the occupants a complete surprise. A very enjoyable evening was spent. A programme was provided consisting of songs, instrumental music and amusements.

—Last Friday evening the tide deposited on the beach under Nurey's establishment on the upper arm an enormous devilfish, measuring fully seven feet from tip to tip. The octopus was secured by a number of boys and was placed on exhibition. It is seldom that one gets so far up the harbor.

—The following were elected benchers of the Law Society yesterday afternoon: E. P. Davis, Vancouver; E. v. Bodwell, Victoria; L. G. McPhillips, Vancouver; John Elliott, Nelson; G. E. Corbould, New Westminster; C. E. Pooley, Victoria; H. D. Helmcken, Victoria; Sir C. H. Tupper, a Vancouver, and C. R. Hamilton, Rossland.

—Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travelers' Life & Accident Insurance Company, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company Lloyd's Underwriters, London; Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington coal. Hall, Goepel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83. •

—To-morrow, Wednesday evening, there will be a social at the Y.M.C.A. rooms embracing many interesting features, such as music, recitations and games. A number of microscopes will also be in charge of efficient men, so that visitors will be permitted to view Wonderland. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and their friends. No admission will be charged.

—The following were among the passengers who arrived here last night on the steamer Senator from San Francisco: C. Palmer, Mrs. M. H. Vickers, H. Walker and wife, Mrs. Shelton and son, Miss Strain, W. J. Reynard, P. Carmichael, W. R. Lewis and wife, W. F. G. Thynn, R. J. Walker, A. Carmichael, H. Carmichael, D. W. Stracy and Miss E. Rowe.

—Excursion rates will be in effect between all points on the E. & N. railway for the Easter holidays, tickets being on sale from Good Friday to Easter Monday, good to return not later than Monday night. There will be a double train service on Good Friday and Easter Monday in addition to the usual Saturday and Sunday service, trains leaving here at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. No doubt a large number of sportsmen and others will avail themselves of the opportunity to spend a short vacation in the country.

—The manager of the Seamen's Institute acknowledges with thanks the receipt of reading matter during the month of February from the following: Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. R. Kennard, Mrs. W. F. McCullough, Mrs. F. G. Forbes, Mrs. I. Braverman, the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Navy League (B. C. branch), J. C. Mackay, David A. N. Ogilvy, H. Burnett, the Times and Colonist, daily papers, and the local weekly paper, Truth. During the past month parcels of literature were supplied by the Institute to the crews of the sailing schooners Rainbow and Oscar Hattie, and to one sailor.

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—Spring cleaning time is now at hand. Have your lounges, easy chairs, mattresses, etc., repaired at Smith & Champion's, 100 Douglas street. •

—All the evidence in the Chinese gambling case is now in. The defence witnesses completed their evidence this morning and counsel will address the court this afternoon.

—W. Braden shot a bald-headed eagle in front of his home on the Gorge road on Sunday last, which measures between six and seven feet from tip to tip. The bird is a beautiful specimen of the feathered breed to which it belongs and will be stuffed and kept.

—Steamer Cottage City went North from here last night, carrying a good freight and a number of passengers from Victoria, including E. J. Leonard, J. Inglis, J. F. Jackman, Sister McPlacide, A. E. McDonald, R. J. Donald and A. Langstroth.

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—Steamer Queen City arrived this morning in tow of the tug Lorne, after an uneventful trip. The Lorne made the voyage down the coast to Quatsino in 22 hours. On her return she was sent around to Esquimalt to tow the ship Forteviot to the drydock, where the latter will be placed on the blocks for a cleaning and painting.

—The championship shuffle fournament in connection with the Y.M.C.A. will be played off next week. Contestants are requested to arrange their games for as early a date as possible. A return game will be played between teams representing the N.W.A.A. and the Y.M.C.A. on Friday at the association rooms.

—There is to be a general conference of the Methodist church in Los Angeles commencing on May 3rd. In consequence the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. has arranged to give a number of excursions from Puget Sound and Victoria, the rate to be charged for the round trip tickets, good until June 30th, being $43.70. The excursion steamers will be sailing from here on April 23rd and 28th and May 3rd.

—Steamer Senator arrived from California last night with 24 passengers for this city out of 169 aboard. The Umatilla, of the same line, sailing this evening for the Golden Gate, will receive among other passengers at this city W. M. Wadhman and wife, A. B. Pool, Geo. Hyde, T. J. Field and wife, G. B. Ordana and daughter, 12 second-class passengers from over the C.P.R. and 30 Japanese, who arrived on the steamer Tacoma from the Orient.

—Steamer Princess May arrived from the North shortly before noon to-day. Capt. McLeod reports that he encountered beautiful weather during the whole trip until about reaching Vancouver, where rain fell heavily. In the North the weather has been so fine of late that in several places on the trail the snow has quite disappeared. Only two passengers arrived for Victoria and seven debarked at the Terminal City. The arrivals here were Capt. John Irving, who has been to White Horse looking after his mining interests there, and F. J. Ritchie, a miner from Prince of Wales island. As freight the Princess May brought south 890 sacks of ore from White Horse for the Tyee smelter at Ladysmith.

—"Ye Olde Folkes' Synging Bee," which was held last evening at the James Bay Methodist church, was largely attended. Many had to be turned away, as standing room was at a premium. All the numbers were carried through creditably under the able leadership of J. Gilbert. The chair was taken shortly after 8 o'clock, and the first number was a home scene, in which the Misses Fick, King, Edna and Martha Wight and C. Spencer took part. Miss King sang "Home, Sweet Home," and Jesse Longfield gave a violin solo, which was much appreciated. Gideon Hicks rendered "Ye Old Arm Chair," the choir joining in the chorus. Miss Edna Wight gave a recitation, and a trio was rendered by Miss B. Fick and Messrs. Gilbert and Spencer, entitled "Give the Boy a Chance." "The Old Folkes at Home" was sung by Miss Scowcroft. Rev. C. F. Connor followed with a recitation, and Gideon Hicks gave a vocal selection. Miss G. King's solo was encored. There was also a recitation by Miss Fick and a solo by Miss Kneeshaw, which was heartily applauded. An Indian scene by Messrs. Boorman, Schroeder and Sprinkling brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close.

GALLANT OFFICER'S DEATH.

Col. Muirhead Passes Away—Commanded at Work Point.

Many of the friends of Col. H. H. Muirhead (late R. E.) will much regret to hear of that gentleman's death at the age of 53 years from pneumonia.

He commanded the Royal Engineers at Work Point from 1893 to 1898. During these five years he commenced and saw completed many of the important defence works at this station.

He was appointed lieutenant in August, 1871; promoted captain August, 1883; major December, 1889; lieutenant-colonel April, 1897; colonel, 1901, and retired from the service on the 4th of April, 1902.

CLEVER CAPTURE.

Constable Clayards Made Quick Work of a Case Yesterday.

Constable Clayards covered himself with glory yesterday morning by making one of the smartest captures in the local police records. Shortly before ten o'clock a report came in to the department that a number of drills had been stolen from the stove branch of the Albion Iron Works. Constable Clayards went down to investigate, and in half an hour he had both man and goods at the lock-up. When he arrived at the Albion Iron Works he was told that the only man who had been there was a person in search of a job. The latter said he was a member of the union, was on the rocks and wanted assistance of some kind. A collection was taken up and presented to the man, who left. After his departure the drills were missed, and the police were notified. Constable Clayards secured a pretty accurate description of the man and went on a hunt for him. He located a person answering the description in a Store street saloon and took him in tow. One of the drills was found in his pocket. The others were recovered in a pawnshop.

In the police court this morning the prisoner, who gave his name as W. Maley, was convicted and sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor.

CREDITABLE PROGRESS.

Recital Given by Little Ones at Alexandra College of Music Yesterday.

Those who attended the recital given by Miss Green's pupils at the Alexandra College of Music yesterday afternoon enjoyed an excellent demonstration of the very practical methods adopted by the instructor. The manner in which the little ones, whose ages range from five to eight years, acquitted themselves was striking. In their staff building, their audition and tempo exercises, and sight reading, they showed a facility which, to say the least, surprised their audience. The character and method of instruction are such as to arouse a lively interest on the part of the little pupils. The use of charts, blackboards, time sticks and games sharpen their perception and train their ears so that by the time they are graduated into a more advanced class they are initiated into the fundamental principles of music to an extent which proves of invaluable service to them. Instead of being considered a task their lessons are looked forward to with pleasure. The parents of the pupils are well satisfied with the progress they are making.

EMBARK IN BUSINESS.

The Messrs. Campbell Bros. Purchase Johnson Street Livery Stables.

Two well known young Victorians, Messrs. E. J. and J. C. Campbell, have purchased the livery sale and board stables of J. A. McNeill, 109 Joonson street. It is their intention to equip the concern with the very best conveyances, and in every way to contribute to the comfort and convenience of their patrons. Messrs. Campbell Bros. a short time ago returned from the North, where, by the display of noteworthy enterprise, they did exceedingly well. They embarked in mining in the Klondike in the boom days, acquired valuable property and made their venture altogether successful. But, like most others who have been fortunate in the great North, they have no desire to make it their permanent home, so they returned to this city with the object of engaging in business when a satisfactory opportunity presented itself. This they have found, and with the expenditure of considerable money they expect to conduct one of the most modern establishments of its kind in the city.

THE PEATT BENEFIT.

Substantial Sum Realized at the Recent Concert in Theatre.

The sum of $212.70, the net proceeds of the benefit concert in the Victoria theatre in aid of the Peatt family, has been handed over to the beneficiaries. A. Peteh and Jas. Dupen, chairman and secretary of the committee in charge of the arrangements, have furnished the Times with the following statement:

Receipts.

By sale of tickets	$201 75
Taken at the door	20 95
	$222 70

Expenditure.

By heating theatre	$ 2 00
By ticket seller at door	1 50
By Chinaman janitor	1 15
By printing ads. for cars (Colonist)	4 00
By postage, stationery, etc.	1 35
	$ 10 00

Receipts, $222.70; expenditure, $10; balance, $212.70.

Total amount to be handed over to the Peatt family, $212.70.

—F. Kermode, curator of the provincial museum, has completed a model of the young killer whale taken off the Dallas road a few months ago. The mother whale was found dead and the young one was taken at the same time. Mr. Kermode, after it had been on exhibition in the city, took a plaster cast of it and from that made a model in papier mache. The young whale was eight feet in length and weighed well on to five hundred pounds. The coloring of the whale has been reproduced very carefully by Mr. Kermode. At the present time the curator is finishing the mounting of a splendid specimen of black bear found on Queen Charlotte island. The specimen belongs to a class more rare than the ordinary black bear. It differs from the latter largely in the head formation. The specimen being prepared for the museum was shot by an Indian and is a fine animal, having been taken in November.

LEGAL NEWS.

Davies, Sayward & Co. vs. Buchanan Still Before the Supreme Court.

In the Supreme court the case of Davies, Sayward & Co. vs. Buchanan is still being heard. Witnesses are being examined, including officials of the Lands and Works Department, for the purpose of proving the claim of the plaintiffs to the timber in question. The hearing will probably occupy several days longer.

In Chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Martin the following application was heard: Bell Tower Co. vs. B. C. Cold Storage. This was an application to pay out of court. The application was refused with costs of obtaining garnishee order to be added to judgment. The costs after garnishee order were made to be paid by garnisheer to plaintiff. H. Pooley for defendants.

In Admiralty Chambers an application was made in Ritchie vs. Hamlin. Special leave was asked for the return of motion. It was set for Saturday next.

ATLIN MINING DEAL.

Property Has Changed Hands Upon Which Considerable Money Has Been Spent.

"J. M. Ruffner has secured the Deeks' group of leases on the south side of Pine creek above Discovery," says the Atlin Claim. "This group is considered one of the banner properties in the district, its former owner, J. F. Deeks, having brought it up to its present hydraulic stage at an expense of over $50,000, which amount was taken from the ground besides apparently leaving a good margin for its owner. Above, below and all around the Deeks' group the ground has proved remunerative to the individual miner. The Pine Creek Power Co., directly adjoining the above mentioned property, took out $35,000 last season, and Mr. Fritz Miller, with ordinary pick and shovel methods, won about $11,000 during last summer.

"We understand that J. M. Ruffner is promoting an amalgamation of the Pine Creek Power Company, Stevendyke Consolidated Gold Fields, Limited, and the Eastern Hydraulic leases. It is estimated that a cost of half a million dollars cash capital will be required to complete the deal and reinforce the plant. All of these properties are known to be extremely valuable, and we hope that Mr. Ruffner will be successful, as it is certain that an amalgamation cannot prove other than a good investment to its shareholders."

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AWARD MADE IN THE SALVAGE CASE

AMOUNT REDUCED BY JUDGE IN ADMIRALTY

In Vermont vs. Abby Palmer Only About One-Sixth Amount of Claim Was Allowed.

Judgment was handed down by Mr. Justice Martin in the admiralty court yesterday afternoon in the case of Vermont vs. Abby Palmer. Judgment was given the plaintiffs for $4,200 and costs in the action. The claim was one for salvage, it will be remembered, $25,000 being asked for by the owner of the Vermont for towing the Abby Palmer in from the West Coast to Esquimalt.

In giving judgment Mr. Justice Martin says:

This is an action for salvage, and though, by the statement of defence, the plaintiffs' claim is disputed, not only as to the amount, but also as to the seamanship displayed in the salvage operations, yet during the trial not only was the latter position somewhat tardily abandoned, but the defendants' counsel in his argument said, "We do not attack their seamanship but compliment them on it."

In view of this admission and that contained in the 16th paragraph of the defence, that the ship was in danger, the main issue is reduced to settling the amount of the reward that the plaintiffs are entitled to.

Now, while the defendants admit in said paragraph that the ship was in danger, they set up that she "was not in a hopeless condition, and that even if she had not been rescued by the Vermont they would have been able to save the said ship from actual loss." On this point I am advised by the assessors, and I concur with them, that the ship was in such a dangerous condition, because of the wreckage, that, having regard to the season of the year, the unsettled weather, and to the currents, she would have helplessly drifted ashore on that dangerous part of the coast and in the manner indicated by Captain Walbran, and that this could only have been avoided by the happening of extraordinary events which there is no ground for believing would have happened. And, further, that the account of the master of the Vermont as to the position of his ship and his statements generally, should be accepted, seeing that they are corroborated by the speed and time of towage, but that on the contrary, the story of the master of the Abby Palmer regarding the alleged eight mile drift backward, and his position, and otherwise, is unreliable. And, further, that the master of the Vermont, though there was great danger and risk under the circumstances of fouling his screw with the hawser, which would have placed his ship and cargo (valued at $350,000) in a position of peril, performed the salvage services as a whole and handled his ship throughout in a highly creditable and seamanlike manner. And, further, that the contention that the barque could have been relieved by the sailing ship, stated to have been signalled, is rejected.

Having regard to the foregoing findings, and those facts which are undisputed, what sum should be awarded? But before this can be arrived at the value of the property salved, here the ship only, must be determined; for it is an important ingredient in fixing the amount, and it is disputed, which raises a difficult and, in this class of action, unusual question, which has necessitated a lengthy and careful investigation of the authorities.

And I pause here to say, for the further guidance of litigants, that this is a separate and distinct question which causes inconvenience and delay to enter into during the trial of a salvage action, as was done here, and for which no precedent has been found. One proper course to pursue on such a dispute arising is to direct a reference to the registrar and merchants as preliminary to the trial, or its further progress. This was the course decided upon by Dr. Lushington in the case of the George Dean (1857), 8 wab, 290, where the point came up, but on his suggesting that an agreed value should be taken, as is usually done, that was ultimately acceded to and the trial proceeded. And it will be seen that a reference to fix the value was directed in Dobree vs. Schroder (1837), 2 M. and C., 189. The most convenient and expeditious way, probably, would be to have an appraisement by the marshal—Roscoe's Practice (1903), p. 127, note (a).

Up to a certain point the principle of valuation is clear. Thus in Roscoe's Practice (supra), it is said: "If the value of the saived property is not agreed upon the usual practice is to assess it at the port of arrest; but, in strictness, the assessment should be the value as salved, at the place where, and the time when, the salvage service terminated," etc. And see Williams and Bruce's Admiralty Practice (1902), 177, to the same effect: "For the purposes of salvage the property saved is to be estimated at its value at the port where the services terminated."

But while it is clear that the value of the ship is to be taken as at the place and time above mentioned, the question arises upon what basis is that value to be ascertained? Doubtless in an ordinary case of salvage, as in that of a total loss by collision, value means "market value," but does that mean and contemplate the proceeds of a forced sale? That is what the defendants contend for, but none of the cases cited by their counsel bears out the view. . . . . The fact is that there is really no market in the proper sense of that word in this port for ships of her class, and as Lowndes puts it, the test of a market value can only be applied "when there is a market for ships of the kind sufficiently extensive to give a fair approximation to the ship's real value." Not one ship of the kind has been mentioned by the witnesses as having been sold of late years; an iron ship, the Columbia, still for sale here, was valued by one of the witnesses, Lloyd's agent, in April, 1903, but she has not been sold, and in any event has not a United States register, and, moreover, is 21 years old, so, for this and other reasons, cannot be taken as a standard of comparison. The Abby Palmer, therefore, must on the evidence and for the purposes of this action, be regarded as a particular class of ship, both as regards her class generally and the peculiar privileges of her foreign register in particular.

Such being the case, the court must resort to those other means of ascertaining value hereinbefore mentioned, and consider all the surrounding circumstances aided by the opinions of "persons conversant with shipping" and having special means of knowledge, and having regard to the original cost, age, depreciation, present condition, rates of freight, and to local circumstances such as, in this case, the close proximity to this port of large ports on Puget Sound, in the United States, where buyers at a fair price can reasonably be expected to be obtained if the ship be duly advertised. In short, as between the owners of the salved property and the salvers the ship should be valued not on a forced sale basis, but as a "going concern," as Roscoe puts it (supra), in the hands of a solvent and reasonable owner using her for "the particular purposes of his trade," as Mr. Justice Blackburn says, and then she should be valued, as Lowndes states, "at that sum for which the owner, as a reasonable man, would be willing to sell her." A ship, such as this, which has a life of thirty years, of which she has completed ten, must be valued on a different principle from a bale of merchandise, and somewhat akin to that adopted in the case of the less substantial and therefore short-lived class of house property in this country. A ship is not, in general, built or purchased like a stock of goods, but with an eye to an investment of relatively long duration, and having in contemplation the fluctuations of commerce during that time. It has, not unreasonably, been commented on by counsel that the defendants herein have made no effort to ascertain the value of their ship by calling for tenders or advertising or putting her up for sale with a reserved bid, or in any way ascertaining her value on that market which they contend exists and which they assert she has only a very low price in.

Applying the foregoing principles to the facts and turning to the valuations on the various witnesses, the usual striking difference of opinion is encountered, and several of those giving their estimates have little if anything to base them on. These estimates run all the way from $10,000 to $38,000, and I have found it far from an easy matter to arrive at what I consider a just valuation; but in view of all the circumstances I feel that I am safe in fixing it at $28,000.

On this valuation, then, the award must proceed in the light of the circumstances hereinbefore set out.

It was pointed out by this court, Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. vs. The C. F. Sargent (1883), 3 B. C., 5; 3 Exch. 332, that on the grounds of public policy the reward should be liberal, but:

"It varies very much according to the imminence of the danger to the ship on the one hand, and the skill and enterprise and danger of the rescuers on the other hand. But the question of the ship's danger is the first thing to be considered."

The amount there awarded was $2,000, being 10 per cent. of the value of the ship, $20,000.

In the English courts all the leading cases on the subject will be found conveniently collected in Marsden's Digest (1889), 592, et seq., and in the books of practice of this court, chiefly in Williams and Bruce in chapter VI., and in Roscoe in chapter L., wherein the rules and principles are clearly laid down, and it would be mere repetition to go into them. But each case has, from the nature of things, to be determined in the light of its own circumstances, and counsel have been unable to cite one which closely resembles the present. After giving weight to all those elements which are entitled to weigh with me, I have arrived at the conclusion that the award should be fixed at four thousand two hundred dollars, for which amount let judgment be entered with costs.

ARCHER MARTIN, J.

Victoria, B. C., March 25th, 1904.

At a meeting of the Anglo-American League at Stafford House, London, Justice Bryce, Liberal M. P., and former president of the board of trade, presiding, a resolution was passed to the effect that it was desirous that the British government endeavor to enter into a treaty with the United States with the view of the systematic reference to arbitration of differences arising between the two powers which diplomacy might fail to settle.

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OPENING OF CONVENTION.

First Meeting of Victoria District Sunday School Association Last Evening—To-Night's Programme.

Last evening the third annual convention of the Victoria District Interdenominational Sunday School Association was held at the Congregational church, there being a large attendance.

Proceedings were opened by devotional exercises by the president, R. B. McMicking, after which an address of welcome was read by Geo. Carter, on behalf of the members of the Congregational church. This was responded to in a few appropriate words by the president, after which the following committees were appointed:

Committee on Resolutions—Messrs. J. McKenzie, M. B. Deaville, R. B. Howell and F. Hodges.

Committee on Nomination and Time and Place—Messrs. A. B. McNeill, W. Gleason, N. Shakespeare and J. L. Campbell.

Reports were received from T. W. Martindale, superintendent of house to house visitation; Rev. Joseph McCoy, superintendent of Normal department; Dr. L. Hall, superintendent of home department; Mrs. R. G. Howell, superintendent of primary department; and John McKenzie, superintendent of cradle roll.

The treasurer's report for the year showed a balance on hand of $6.10. An interesting and instructive paper was read by Mr. Ritchie on "How to Develop the Spiritual Life of the Sunday School." A somewhat lengthy discussion followed.

A quartette was then given by the Petch Bros., which was accorded a hearty encore.

"The Primary Work of the Sunday School" was the subject of a paper read by Mrs. R. B. Losee. N. Shakespeare opened the discussion on this paper. An address was then given by Rev. W. C. King on "Personal Work."

The question box was dealt with by Rev. S. S. Osterhout in a very able manner. Prayers by Rev. W. C. King and the Doxology closed the meeting.

Following is the programme for to-night:

7.45.—Devotional exercises, Rev. Jos. McCoy.

8.00.—Reports of committees and election of officers.

8.20.—Vocal solo, Miss B. Howell.

8.25.—Paper, "How to Develop the Missionary Spirit in the Sunday School," Miss Fraser. Discussion opened by R. G. Howell.

8.45.—Vocal solo, W. D. Kinnaird.

8.50.—Paper, "How to Secure Efficient Teachers," H. Siddall. Discussion opened by A. B. McNeill.

9.10.—Report of statistical secretary, H. J. Northcott.

9.20.—Question box, Rev. S. S. Osterhout. Valedictory, Rev. W. L. Clay.

"RESURRECTION."

Blanche Walsh and Company Present Adaptation of Tolstoi's Work.

Blanche Walsh and company presented the dramatized version of the Tolstoi work, "Resurrection," at the Victoria theatre last night before a large audience. There were few, indeed, in that congregation of playgoers who were not deeply impressed by the powerful reproduction of the terrible social condition so vividly drawn by the great Russian novelist. But the picture is not a pleasant one to contemplate, and well might the playgoer question whether he has been entertained or instructed according to his liking.

But it must be generally conceded that such a play requires for its leading characters actors of the first class. Only these can present such productions, and seldom, if ever, has Miss Walsh given so strong an interpretation of character as in the leading role of "The Resurrection." She was a splendid La Tosca, a fine Fedora and Cleopatra, but she surpassed herself in the unprepossessing role she portrayed last night. She was fairly well-supported. Mr. von Mitzel was a capable Prince Dmitri Neckludoff and shared with the star the honors.

Undoubtedly the most sensational scene in the play occurs in the third act, when Maslova and other convicts are held in prison awaiting the convoy that is to take them to Siberia. Miss Walsh in giving her own views on Maslova's character and her personal sensation in depicting this scene says:

"My mind alternately wanders back to the innocent Katusha of the prologue and forward to the denouement when her resurrection takes place. I feel that if the depths of depravity are not sounded here as Tolstoi evidently intended they should be, the glory of her resurrection is to that extent modified.

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"He or she from whom the play 'Resurrection' does not in certain of its phases arouse the most joyous emotions of which we are capable is, I fear, to be pitied. I would ask such a one to take the manuscript of the play and read it aloud from first to last.

"If, when Maslova has been finally redeemed through the expiation of a tortured conscience and ennobling love, she utters those words on that beautiful Easter morning in the Siberian desert, 'Christ is risen!' If, I say, there be any woman of intelligence and blest with the most radiant physical charms who would then have any feeling of having sacrificed her beauty, and whether she would not rather consider she was thereby declaring her worship for the beautiful, then I do not know womankind and I am very ignorant of human motives.

"This aside, we are told art is beautiful, and whether my beauty is sacrificed or not depends upon my worthiness to dwell in her temple. Suffice it to say, I implicitly believe that as a play 'Resurrection' will exert an influence for good even greater than it did as a novel. The youth of either sex who witness its performance cannot help but be ennobled by its precepts and its aims. It is a play which will make them think, a play they can never forget."

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTER: Sir Peter Markham is yachting in the Mediterranean with his daughter Eve, and his private secretary Dick Knight, a clever fellow, but with no prospects. The girl, understanding the reticence of the young man, induces him to make love to her. Her father hears the confession, for which the girl takes the responsibility. The father, who made his money in South Africa, however, discourages the idea, as Knight is neither rich nor a genius. It is arranged that the private secretary shall leave at Tangier. In the meantime, the yacht comes across a strange craft. There appears to be no one on board, and Sir Peter and the secretary, with volunteers from their crew, resolve to board this mysterious vessel. Dick leads the way. The yacht proves to be exquisitely furnished, and some of the cabins had lately been in the occupation of a woman. There is a gold repeater watch with diamond monogram, and some other belongings apparently of a wealthy gentleman. But there are no signs of a crew, or indeed, of departures from this spell-bound ship. At last, however, attention is directed to a big packing-case.

CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)

The Red Spot.

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"Certainly," agreed Sir Peter. "I don't know what rules and regulations there are, but the captain's a very good chap and an old friend of mine, as you know. I don't see why he shouldn't do as much as this for me, especially as it's my affair and not his, except officially."

"Thank you," said Dick. "If I get that permission I shall have had all the favors I want to ask of anybody in this affair. The rest is for me to work out alone."

As he said this the wish came upon him to be idle and do nothing more while Sir Peter was his companion. He had thought of going below, now that the millionaire had finished his inspection of the cabins, to see if he might chance upon some clue overlooked by the other; but he was possessed by the new idea which had been whispered (perhaps by his own eager instinct) into his ear. He wanted to have the yacht to himself before he even began to try working out the theory which as yet floated but hazily before the eyes of his mind. Sir Peter's restlessness had infected him, and he felt that he would only tangle the skein of deduction if he attempted to unwind it under the questioning gaze of the elder man.

"I'm going to think things out a bit, if you don't mind, sir," he said; and leaving Sir Peter seated in one of the deck chairs near the broken cage he walked away, puffing at his pipe, sauntering up and down, up and down, until the moon had set and the dawn quivered white and tremulous in the east. In the pale light Sir Peter's heavy face was grey, and curiously old, for he had dropped asleep in his chair at last, and had fallen into troubled dreams. Dick stopped in his walk and looked at him. "I believe if I could see into your brain now," he said to himself, "the secret which you have kept so long, and can't make up your mind to give up, would be written there as if on a slate. You look as if you were living through your past again. This night has conjured it up like a ghost."

Suddenly Sir Peter stirred in his sleep. His hands, on the arms of the deck chair, clenched themselves, and his eyes opened wide and surprised. "Eve! Where are you, Eve?" he called, in a loud, strange voice. Then his wandering gaze fixed itself upon Knight, the wildness dying gradually out of his eyes.

"Where am I? What has happened?" he asked, confusedly.

"You've been asleep, Sir Peter, on the derelict Xenia," said Dick, "and you were calling your daughter. But she is safe on board the Lily Maid."

"I was not calling my daughter," said the elder man, dreamily still; "I was calling the other Eve. I thought that she was standing here, looking down on me as you are now. But do you know what I thought she was saying to me?"

"I cannot guess," Dick answered, humoring the other, who must, he fancied, have been dreaming of his dead wife. "The other Eve," he had said, so probably Evie had been called after her mother, who had died many years ago. Somehow Dick had been under the impression that Sir Peter had not greatly loved his wife; but now he began to think that he must have been mistaken. There had been intense, even passionate emotion in that cry of "Eve, Eve!"

"She was saying to me that I must tell you what I had meant to keep from you—or let you find out for yourself, if you were clever enough. Is there a special reason, I wonder, why I should have seen her so plainly on this yacht?"

"You are speaking of—your wife, Sir Peter?" Knight asked, gently, for the millionaire's manner was so strange, so unlike the cynical coldness which Dick had associated with him until now, that it seemed wise to bring him back as quickly as might be to himself.

"I am speaking of a woman who should have been my wife if some terrible fate had not come between us and separated us for ever," Sir Peter answered. "The one woman I ever loved; the woman after whom my daughter Eve was named—but not her mother."

Dick was silent. There seemed to be nothing which he could say without jarring upon the other's mood.

"The loss of that woman—that other Eve—changed my whole life," Sir Peter went on. "I won't say 'spoilt it,' for I am no sentimentalist; but took away all the brightness and killed my youth. The only pleasure I had left was the pleasure of success. Twice since we came on board this yacht I have been minded to tell you something of the story—enough to show you how it may concern the quest you are taking up. But twice I stopped myself. My lips have been closed so long, that it seemed a—a sort of sacrilege to open them. But this dream or ...er has brought back the impulse to speak. Once, long ago—when I had begun to make a name and money, I loved a woman—a girl she was then. She was very beautiful, and very poor. Her father had been an Irish Earl, but he was dead. All her near relatives were dead, except an old aunt with whom she lived when I met her in London. They had just returned there after several years abroad. Her name was Eve Desmond. She loved me, too, or I believed she did. But what man can know a woman's heart? We were engaged, and our wedding day was fixed. It came; I went to the church. She was not there. The marriage was to be a quiet one, without bridesmaids. Her aunt and my best man were to have been the only witnesses. Well, we waited, my friend and I, and the parson, for nearly an hour. Then the parson left the church, and my friend and I drove to the house where Eve Desmond and her aunt lived. They had a flat—one of the few in London at that time. We knocked and rang. Nobody answered. We found the janitor and brought him upstairs to open the door with a duplicate key. Inside the flat—silence! We hurried from room to room, at first finding no one; but at last, in a little boudoir where Eve and I had often sat together, we came upon the old lady, sitting in a chair—one of those high-backed, grandfather chairs, as they call them; and as its back was half-turned to the door we didn't see her at first. But there she sat, stone dead, with the most horrid, three-cornered grin on her white, thin, little face. Good Lord! I can see it now. Eve was nowhere to be found. She had disappeared; and, if you will believe me, Knight, though I employed the most skilled detectives in England, not only has the cause of old Miss Desmond's death remained a mystery, but not a trace of Eve was ever discovered from that day until to-night."

"To-night?" echoed Dick.

"Yes," the elder man repeated, with meaning in his emphasis, "until to-night!"

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REDUCING TIME.

Length of Stage Journey to Be Shortened—Discovery of New Creek.

Northern advices state that the White Pass is beginning to reduce the time of its journey from Dawson to White Horse to four days. The time heretofore this winter has been five days.

Wilson Foster, in charge of a collection for a Klondike exhibit at the fair, is negotiating to take the big sekeleton recently found on the Yukon to St. Louis. If so he likely will exhibit it at Seattle for a time.

Arrivals by stage from White Horse bring news of the strike of a new creek 15 miles beyond Bullion, which is attracting much attention. The new creek is known as Hardy. Fuel Agent Berdoe, of the White Pass, reports that when he left White Horse last Saturday week the discovery claim on the creek had just been located and that fifty claims had been staked. Two dollars' worth of gold from the creek had been brought to White Horse, but it was not known how rich the pay ran on the creek. Hardy creek is variously estimated to be between 175 and 250 miles from White Horse. The long and tedious journey over the rough trail requires days, and the distance never has been measured accurately. Old stampeders say the distance depends greatly on how fired and how hopeful a man is when on the mush.

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Returns of the receipts from shipping on the Suez canal in January show an increase on the year from $1,663,575 to $1,836,000.

SPORTING

GOLF.

MONTHLY COMPETITIONS.

Appended are the scores in the sixth monthly medal competitions of the Victoria Golf Club, which were played on Saturday:

Ladies—14 Holes.

	Total.	H'c'p.	Score.
Miss A. Bell	106	35	71
Mrs. Irving	92	18	74
Miss Todd	101	24	77
Miss Langley	101	24	77
Mrs. Laing	101	22	79
Mrs. Combe	79	8.	79
Miss Mara	109	30	79
Mrs. W. Langley	80	8.	80
Miss Drake	82	8.	82
Mrs. Holland	89	9	80
Mrs. Crow Baker	112	28	84
Mrs. Burton	91	5	86
Miss Hannington	121	30	91
Mrs. A. Martin	108	15	93
Miss Musgrave	117	22	95
Miss Davie	139	35	104

Miss E. Lowen, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Miss Crease and Mrs. Lampman returned no scores.

Gentlemen.

	Total.	H'c'p.	Score.
A. P. Luxton	88	7	81
P. Lampman	98	17	81
C. B. Stahlschmidt	95	11	84
Col. A. W. Jones	101	14	87
W. Langley	101	13	88

No scores were returned by Messrs. Cronyn, Burroughs, Cookson, Rhodes, Garnett, Drake and Goward.

As Messrs. Luxton and Lampman have tied for first place a deciding match will be arranged for an early date.

APRIL MEET.

Some of the principal events which will be included in the programme of the Pacific Northwest meet, to be held here in April, follow: 1. Open championship of the Pacific Northwest; 2. Ladies' open championship of the Pacific Northwest; 3. Ladies' foursomes; 4. Gentlemen's foursomes; 5. Ladies' open handicap; 6. Gentlemen's open handicap; 7. Mixed foursomes; 8. Approaching contests (ladies and gents); 9. Putting competition (ladies and gents).

LACROSSE.

MEETING TO-MORROW.

To-morrow evening a meeting of the committees appointed by the Victoria Lacrosse Club to look after business in connection with reorganization for the ensuing season will be be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. These committees, it will be remembered, were selected for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain the promise of support from local business men, and also to communicate with outside players. They will report progress and arrange to transact any other business necessary before the annual meeting of the association.

Yesterday Secretary Mellis stated that from the canvass that had been made the club had nothing to fear from lack of funds. Providing a first-class team was secured, the business men were willing to give financial assistance. A number of the Shamrocks had been written to, and there was every reason to believe that when it became generally known that Victoria was on the look-out for really good home players the services of three or four would not be difficult to secure.

Owing to the energy that is being displayed by the officers of the club to organize a winning team, the local players are beginning to evince an increased interest in the game. Already a number may be seen at the Caledonia grounds every fine afternoon practicing faithfully.

It is likely that the local club will ask for a postponement of the Provincial League Association meeting, which is generally held early in April. As it will be practically impossible to form a league if Victoria decides not to take part, there is little doubt that both New Westminster and Vancouver would consent to such a proposal.

THE KENNEL.

VANCOUVER'S SHOW.

"The prospects for the Vancouver Kennel Club's show on Thursday are very good. There are over 400 entries to date, and more are expected through the mail. The competition in 'wire-hair' fox terriers will be keener than ever before, as among the entries there are several noted prize-winners from the Old Country. The Irish water spaniels promise to be as fine an exhibit as has ever been seen on this continent. There are over 70 entries in English setters, and competition will be very keen. In big dogs, there will be a good display of bloodhounds, Danes and St. Bernards."—News-Advertiser.

LOCAL DOGS COMPETE.

Frank Turner, the local handler, has got together a string of about twenty-five prize-winning dogs with which he hopes to carry off some of the prizes offered by the Vancouver Kennel Club.

The Petit Bleu, Brussels, announces that negotiations which, it says, will in all likelihood be successful, are at present being carried on between cotton spinners of Belgium, France and Great Britain with a view to the establishment of a syndicate to fight American speculation in raw cotton, and restricting the output of manufactured goods.

The Toronto Gazette announces the incorporation of the Canadian Consolidated Oil Company with a capital of $15,000,000. The companies merged into the new concern are: The Grant-Hamilton Oil Company, Toronto; Canadian Oil Company, Canadian Consolidated Company and Sun Oil Manufacturing Company, Hamilton. The absorption of other Canadian oil companies is contemplated.

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Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2½ per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark; that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of $1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, February, 1904.

JAMES A. SMART,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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3 ..	4 01	8.0	9 58	4.7	15 41	7.9	22 15	3.2
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13 ..	3 20	7.4	7 28	6.7	11 41	7.1	19 13	2.9
14 ..	3 23	7.3	7 58	6.2	12 44	7.1	19 52	3.0
15 ..	2 54	7.3	8 25	5.7	13 38	7.1	20 28	3.2
16 ..	3 01	7.4	8 54	5.3	14 29	7.1	21 02	3.5
17 ..	3 16	7.5	9 26	4.8	15 12	7.1	21 34	3.9
18 ..	3 38	7.5	10 04	4.4	16 03	7.0	22 05	4.3
19 ..	4 05	7.6	10 46	4.0	17 03	6.8	22 36	4.9
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VICE-CONSUL MURDERED.

(Associated Press.)

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She Was So Bad She Could Not Get Down to Do Her Housework—Quick Relief and Complete Cure.

Petrolia, Ont., March 28.—(Special.)—Few people in this vicinity are better known or more generally respected than Mrs. A. Fletcher, of the Fletcher House, one of Petrolia's leading hotels, and her complete cure of a long standing case of Rheumatism has caused a wide-spread interest. Interviewed in regard to the matter, Mrs. Fletcher says:

"I had been troubled for a year with the worst kind of Rheumatism. I was so bad I could not get down to do my housework. The joints of my fingers were so swollen as almost to make two fingers, and the pain was awful. I had tried several remedies, but none could help me.

"I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and I got one box and they gave me relief. I used five boxes and am now cured."

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A nice variety just received. Please call and inspect.

SHEARWATER BACK FROM TRIP SOUTH

SEARCHED IN VAIN FOR MISSING VESSEL

All Quiet at Panama—The Ships May Leave for Vancouver on Saturday.

Yesterday afternoon H. M. S. Shearwater returned to Esquimalt after an extended cruise in southern waters. She visited a number of the small islands, and also made a careful search along the coast in the endeavor to discover some trace of the three-masted sailing ship Aristides, which left Valparaiso, Chili, well laden with merchandise for San Francisco some time in February. As usual several stoppages were made at various Central American points, but as everything was quite there no time was lost. After all hope of finding the missing vessel had been abandoned, the cruiser headed for Esquimalt.

Fairly good weather had been experienced. Only on one or two occasions did the ship encountered anything approaching a gale.

The voyage mapped out for the ship before leaving for Esquimalt took her to many different stations in the southern Pacific. Trouble had been anticipated at Panama several months ago, and the vessel was held there almost a fortnight in expectancy of something happening, but quiet among the populace was soon restored, and for the first time in probably over a year Panama is without a British man-of-war.

The change from the tropical climate is naturally quite a marked one, but the officials are glad to be back again in Esquimalt, where they will be in the company of other officers' ship's crews, there being the Bonaventure, Flora and Egeria now in port, the biggest fleet that has been here for six months.

It is reported that the Bonaventure, Flora and Shearwater will leave on Saturday for Vancouver. As has already been stated, the Bonaventure will meet the supernumeraries now on their way from the East.

This morning H. M. S. Bonaventure returned after spending a couple of days in torpedo and gun practice. The officers express themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the proficiency displayed in marksmanship.

RECITAL.

A musical recital was given by Miss Maude Stemler at Miss Stoddart's studio, of Queen's avenue, last evening, at which a large number of guests were present, the friends and acquaintances of Miss Stemler as well as those of Miss Stoddart, who, by the way, deserves credit for the high standard of perfection attained by Miss Stemler as one of her pupils in music. The selections rendered were from Greig, Chaminude, Low, Mettei, Chopin, Heller and Wely, some of which were by Misses Stemler and Stoddart on two different pianos at the same time, in perfect time, without the slightest distinguishable discord. Little Miss Beatric Fullerton sang "Christ Was Once a Little Baby" very sweetly for a child of but four years old. At the conclusion of one of her selections, Miss Stemler was presented with a handsome bouquet of flowers by a very youthful admirer, which unexpected incident rather tickled the houseful of guests and brought forth both merriment and applause. Judging from the way in which each selection was received by Miss Stemler's many guests, Miss Stoddart has some cause to feel proud of her ability as professor of music.

At the conclusion of the musical part of the programme, a short intermission was taken, in which refreshments were served.

INTERVIEWED CITIZENS.

B. H. Blakeslee Conferred With Business Men Regarding Proposed Industry.

B. H. Blakeslee, representative of the Frontenac Cereal Company, of Kingston, who, as told in yesterday's Times, is here for the purpose of looking into the advantages of Victoria as a site for the establishment of a branch, interviewed several prominent citizens, including members of the Board of Trade, this morning. To a Times reporter Mr. Blakeslee explained the nature of the cereal with which the Eastern company have been so successful. He described it as orange meat and was composed of No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat and malt honey. It was already cooked, he said, and a delicious breakfast cereal. The company had an elevator at Kingston with a capacity for many thousand bushels. The capacity of the factory was two thousand cases a day. Although the enterprise was a comparatively new one a considerable trade had already been built up in England, South Africa and Australia, despite the strong opposition of other cereals. The factory, Mr. Blakeslee further pointed out, was under the charge of J. D. Bordeau, the most noted cereal expert on the continent, the man who originated all the flake cereals and who established the big business at Battle Creek, Michigan.

—We are showing a splendid range of Madras muslins, white frilled muslins, fringed muslins and a host of other dainty window draperies. Weiler Bros.*

PERSONAL.

Ex-Mayor McCandless has returned from an extended business tour of the Western states. He went from here to Portland and then to San Francisco. After that he took in St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Butte, Helena and other points. He reports the outlook at Butte to be very satisfactory, although it will be some time before it recovers from the effects of the recent labor troubles. As much as a million dollars a week are paid out in wages. Mr. McCandless says that in the matter of streets and general cleanliness Victoria compares favorably with any of the cities of its size he visited.

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Capt. Dennis McDonald and wife, of Spokane, are at the Driard. They are here on their wedding trip, expecting to return to Spokane in a few days. Mrs. McDonald, according to the Spokane papers, is the wealthiest woman in that city. She is said to be worth $250,000. Besides city property, she is deeply interested in Idaho and British Columbia mining properties. Captain McDonald has for three years conducted the McDonald line of steamboats on Lake Coeur d'Alene, until recently, when he sold his interests. Prior to that time he followed mining in northern Washington.

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A letter received from Rev. Dr. Rowe illustrates the effect of the storm on railway traffic. He left Vancouver on Tuesday and by Saturday night had just reached Brandon. He describes the weather conditions as terrible.

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Oscar Groth, of San Francisco; S. A. D. Carmichael, A. E. Stewart, W. W. Bird, O. Olsen and D. McLeod, of Vancouver; and G. Pierce, of Seattle, are guests at the Vernon.

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R. Wollaston, travelling representative for Turner, Beeton & Company, left the other day on a tour of the interior. He expects to be absent about three months.

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S. C. Gray, of Vancouver; H. Walker, wife and family, of Santa Barbara; F. J. Dickinson and Thos. Caven, of Cranbrooke, are guests at the Dominion.

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H. C. Bellinger, manager of the Crofton smelter, and Mrs. Bellinger, are in the city. They have just returned from a visit to Spokane.

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Thos. Taylor, M. P. P., for Revelstoke, and Chas. F. Lindmark, of the firm of C. B. Hume & Co., Revelstoke, are at the Dominion.

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Eveline Rowe, of San Francisco, and R. J. Little and E. E. Posts, of Vancouver, and C. Evans, of Seattle, are at the Victoria.

W. R. Robertson, Indian agent at Duncans, is registered at the Victoria. He is visiting the Saanich reserve to-day.

George L. Howe, of Seattle, is at the Dominion. He has just returned from a trip to San Francisco.

Percy E. A. Salmon and Dollie Martin, of New Zealand, are registered at the Victoria.

S. Robbins, Mrs. Robbins and family, of Edmonton, are at the Dominion.

J. A. Fullerton, ship's husband for the C. P. R. liners, is at the Driard.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., of Nanaimo, is at the Vernon.

E. J. Hearn and wife, of Duncans, are guests at the Vernon.

Capt. Chaplin and Mrs. Chaplin, of Calgary, are in the city.

Mrs. F. L. Lord, of Ladner, is at the Driard.

H. L. Phair, of Lillooet, is at the Victoria.

PERISHED IN FLOODS.

Two Men Drowned in Ontario—Heavy Losses in Quebec.

Montreal, March 28.—Reports from Eastern townships and from Western Ontario say that a good deal of damage has been done by floods. In the townships the worst sufferer appears to have been St. Hyacinthe, where considerable damage was done to property by the rapid rise of the Yamaska river. Three hundred families were forced to leave their homes. Some damage was done to manufacturing concerns, and they had to close down owing to the flooding of their basements.

The electric light plant owned by Mollenr, of St. John's, Que., and which furnished electric light for that town, situated on Yamaska river, a few miles below Farnham, was swept away, involving a loss of thirty thousand dollars.

Railways have had a number of bridges swept away, causing delay to traffic. Cowansville is also in darkness, owing to the destruction of the local electric light plant.

In Western Ontario reports of a similar nature are coming in from many places. Three of the largest factories in Woodstock have been compelled to close. At Chatham affairs are even worse. Bridges are gone all over the country.

Two Lives Lost.

London, Ont., March 28.—The worst flood that has occurred since the cloudburst in July, 1883, took place yesterday morning, when the water in the Thames rose to a height of eleven feet above normal and went over the dyke which, for a mile and a half runs around the suburb of West London. Many houses were flooded. The monetary loss is placed at $25,000. Duncan McMartin, a medical student, was upset in a canoe Saturday morning and drowned. Henry Wade, a grocer, slipped in the water Saturday afternoon and also was drowned. The damage by floods in Kent county is the most serious in ten years. Factories have been obliged to close down and many families are homeless.

Tenders have been called for the erection of a monument to the memory of the men who fell on Fort Erie battlefield by the commissioners of the Queen Victoria, Niagara Falls, park.

MORE BILLS DISALLOWED.

Two Measures Which Have Been Vetoed by the Dominion Government.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 29.—The Dominion government has disallowed two more bills passed by the British Columbia legislature during the session of 1903. One is an act to regulate immigration into British Columbia and the other to further amend the coal mines regulation act.

The bills for the session of 1904 have just been received at the justice department. The government has just a year within which to exercise the disallowance privilege.

The act to regulate immigration into British Columbia is the one which has, with slight modification, been enacted from year to year in this province. It legislates against the landing in the province of immigrants who cannot read or write in a language of Europe. The working of the act was inquired into at the last sitting of the legislature by a select committee of the House. Officers charged with the enforcement of the act admitted at that time that it could only be carried into effect by a system of "bluffing" the Japs. Attorney-General Wilson, however, introduced a new measure during the last sitting of the legislature. His act was, he said, a close copy of the Natal act. Its provisions were more sweeping in many respects than that of the act now disallowed.

The act to amend the coal mines regulation act is the one prohibiting the employment of Chinese underground in coal mines. Under it the Wellington Colliery Company was prosecuted and convicted for so doing, and an appeal was taken by Jas. Dunsmuir, but action was delayed in consequence of the present government taking the question of the constitutionality of the act before the Supreme court of this province for a decision. The question was argued before the court some months ago, but no decision has yet been given by the local court. Last session an amendment was introduced to the act by which the stipendary magistrate or other person before whom a case might be taken for infraction of the law should have the power to decide upon the nationality of the person affected by the lafter's appearance.

PREMIER BALFOUR'S REPLY

To Attack Made on the Government By Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 29. The Alien Immigration Bill was introduced in the House of Commons to-day, and passed its first reading without a division. The bill follows the recommendations of the report of the royal commission on all immigration similar in many respects to the United States immigration law, by which no educational requirement is imposed.

The usual motion providing for the adjournment of the House over the Easter holidays, gave the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, an opportunity to make a spirited attack on the government. He caustically criticised in detail the whole policy of the ministry, which, he said, was marked by "indecision, confusion and vacillation, a tortuous course and misty atmosphere." Sir Henry said that he did not think it was in accordance with the spirit of the constitution that Premier Balfour should retain power when the country had shown at every opportunity that it no longer enjoyed its favor.

Mr. Balfour, replying, said he was unable to see why the government should resign while it retained the confidence of the House. He pointed out that the government majority even now was larger than the majority with which Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman assumed office in order to carry Home Rule. Sir Henry could settle the question of the government's resignation or not by a vote of censure.

MARCONI ILL.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 29.—A cable to the Sun from Milan says: "Marconi, the wireless telegraph expert, is seriously ill with fever."

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Bombay, March 29.—The latest available bubonic plague returns for the whole of India for the week ending March 19th shows the appalling mortality of 40,527, an increase of 7,000 over those of the preceding week. In Punjaub and the northwest provinces each there is a death rate of 10,000 weekly, in the Bombay province the deaths number 8,500, and in Bengal 5,000.

SMALL BEGINNINGS.

It is just over a hundred years since an event occurred which probably is without parallel throughout all the ages in the results which accrued, says the "Locomotive Magazine." On that memorable Sunday the first steam railway locomotive made a trip along a tramway for a distance of nine miles, conveying a load of iron weighing 10 tons exclusive of the wagons, and 70 people, who took their seats on the loaded vehicles, at an average speed while in motion of five miles an hour, though the actual journey, owing to unforseen casualties, extended over four hours and five minutes. The scene of this performance was the Pen-y-darran tramroad, near Merthyr-Tydvil, extending from the back of the Plymouth works at Pen-y-darran to the navigation of Plymouth, and the more less direct cause was a wager laid between Samuel Homfray, the owner of the road, and his friend Richard Crawshay, in which £500 aside was staked on the possibility or otherwise of conveying a load of bar iron by steam power from the works to the waterside. This wager was actually won by Mr. Homfray by a Cornish engineer and mechanic, "Captain Dick" Trevethick, who designed and erected the first practical railway locomotive.

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After several years tenure the amateur tennis champion, C. H. Miles, has lost, being beaten by F. Pennell by 3 sets to 2, says a London dispatch.

THE FRENCH PREMIER.

How M. Combes Retains Office—The Uses of An Opposition.

Sweet are the uses of an opposition to a politician, who is favored of the gods notwithstanding his manifest impiety, writes a Paris correspondent. M. Combes has proverbial good luck. His ministry has been saved several times by the threat of danger. The errant sheep gather about the bell-wether the moment the intruder appears. If the opposition had not intervened, serious consequences were to be feared from the Rouvier-Pelletan dispute. But the moment a Nationalist interpellation was spoken of, every one should have known that the breach would be quickly healed. Thus there was the touching spectacle of a reconciliation effected between the two ministers, in a quiet corner of the Palais Bourbon, by M. Combes, who, in this case, merited his title of le petit pere. The same phenomenon was to be seen in the Abbe Delsor case. If M. Ribot had known how to play his cards, or had even got his facts correctly, the ministry might have fallen. The result was, however, that M. Combes mounted the ministerial wall, sounded a defiant blast, and led his party out in a brilliant sortie.

The secret of Mr. Combes remaining in office, when the whole of Paris and a considerable portion of the country wish him anywhere else, is that he enjoys a thoroughly sound unpopularity, backed by a fighting section of extreme supporters. That is really the strongest combination possible in France. If the government had been merely popular, without that solid phalanx of anti-Clericals ready to do anything or go anywhere, it would have fallen long ago. Under present appearances, it will not be dislodged before the general elections. The position of M. Combes may be compared to that of Count Taaff, an Austrian statesman of Irish descent, who, without having any absolute majority in the House, contrived, by sitting on the fence amidst party cleavage, to keep in office fourteen years.

—Have you ever bought an article that has not come up to your expectations? Can you reasonably expect a really good article for a low figure? Do not the best goods prove the cheapest in the long run? Buy where reliable goods are sold. Weiler Bros.

An export house at Hamburg has received a cablegram from Reunion island confirming the announcement of the disaster caused by a cyclone on March 21st and 22nd. The island was completely devastated. The capital, St. Denis, was destroyed. Famine exists among the islanders, and provisions and clothing are needed. Ninety persons, including thirteen whites, were killed.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOYS' HAIR CUTTING, 15c. 101 Douglas street.

LOST—Bicycle. Finder kindly return to Windsor Restaurant and receive reward.

LOST—On Saturday, 26th inst., a black silk hand-bag, between Fort street and Fernwood road. Finder will please return same to Times Office.

HAVING CASH TO RAISE immediately, will sell part private stock "Roscila," famous Cassiar mine, good as gold; make offer for any part 4,000 shares. "Cash," Times Office.

Knights of the Maccabees

PROMPT PAYMENT OF DEATH CLAIM.

Jno. Sigurdson, late caretaker of Ross Bay cemetery, was a member of the above Order for about four years, and had paid for assessments and lodge dues the total amount of $90.25 on a $2,000 Life Benefit Certificate. His widow was handed a cheque for this amount last week. This is the first death this Order has sustained in this city, where there has been a Lodge for the past eight years. This speaks volumes for the health of Victoria and the members of this Order. The following letter will show how much the widow of our late member esteemed the action of the above Order.

JAS. BELL,
R. K., Victoria Tent, No. 2.

March 28th, 1904.

Victoria, B. C., March 29th, 1904.

James Bell, Esq., City:

Dear Sir:—Permit me to express my sincere thanks to the Order of the Maccabees for the prompt payment of $2,000, being the amount due on the beneficiary certificate held by my late beloved husband as a member of the Order. I also wish to thank yourself and the members of Victoria Tent of the Order of the Maccabees for the many acts of kindness and consideration shown to me in my bereavement.

Yours sincerely,
OLDNY SIGURDSON.

Business Change

The undersigned beg to inform the general public that they have purchased the business carried on by J. A. McNeil as

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The new firm intend to restock the stables and carry a complete line of the best conveyances obtainable. All orders will receive prompt attention.

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BORN.

CORSON—At Revelstoke, on March 19th, the wife of F. Corson, of a son.

LEWIS—At Revelstoke, on March 23rd, the wife of E. H. Lewis, of a daughter.

DIED.

SHEADS—At Grand Forks, on March 24th, Mrs. H. A. Sheads, aged 50 years.

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BUSINESS CHANGE

We beg to announce to the public that we have bought out the business of Mr. Geo. R. Jackson, at 57 Government Street.

Our predecessor has always had the reputation of carrying only the most reliable lines in Men's Hats, Haberdashery, Ladies' Gloves, etc., and we intend to strictly maintain the high standard of the store by carrying only the best lines and selling them at close prices.

We solicit a continuance of favors from the numerous old patrons—we want as many new ones as possible, and we believe our good goods and polite service will win them both.

We have just finished stock-taking and laid out a few lines at special prices in order to clean up the stock and make more room for new spring shipments on the way.

We Intend Running a Week's Sale on the Following Lines:

About 100 dozen English Collars, regular 25c each, ... 75c a dozen
50 doz. 25c. Linen Handkerchiefs ..... $1.75 a dozen
About 200 pairs Ladies' $1.50 Gloves, in Black and Tans, broken sizes ..... 90c a pair
A large assortment of fine English Umbrellas, ranging from $2.50 to $9.00 ..... at one-third off
6 dozen Fancy Knitted Tams, regular 75c, for 40c
A few ranges of fashionable Hats, in broken sizes, at ..... $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00
Regular prices $3 00, $3.50 aud $4 00.
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